

Labour leader demands changes in selection procedure

Kinnock heads for collision with far left

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Labour's far left, strengthened in Parliament through the general election, yesterday put itself in line for a confrontation with Mr Neil Kinnock over his plans to open up the reselection of MPs to all party members.

But Mr Kinnock, on the day that MPs returned to Westminster for the formal election of the Commons Speaker, immediately attempted to assert his authority over the new Parliamentary Labour Party.

He made a powerful demand for unity and urged MPs to start the campaign to win the next election now because "elections are won in years not weeks".

Mr Kinnock, speaking to his

Scots give Speaker a warning

by Richard Evans Political Correspondent

Mr Bernard Weatherill was chosen as Speaker-elect of the House of Commons yesterday but was served immediate notice of the difficulties he will face.

Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, interrupted the traditional ceremony to insist that Labour had won the general election in Scotland. He said that the Tories had been reduced to a discredited rump north of the border.

Mr Canavan told Mr Weatherill, who was Speaker during the last Parliament, that he was determined the 50-strong Scottish Labour group would thwart Mrs Thatcher's proposed legislation for Scotland in the months ahead.

Mrs Thatcher quoted St Paul as she congratulated Mr Weatherill on his second term as Speaker.

"The leader should be blameless, vigilant, sober and of good behaviour - given to hospitality... one who rules well his own house", she said.

After receiving the Queen's "gracious approbation" in the House of Lords, Mr Weatherill will begin swearing in the 650 MPs of the new Parliament.

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MPs in a Commons committee room yesterday, called for a thoughtful analysis, rather than "endless theorizing" of the reasons behind Labour's defeat, in a move aimed at finding ways of extending the appeal of Labour's policies and values.

But a series of developments quickly undermined the size of Mr Kinnock's task and the determination of the left to flex its muscles.

Mr Dennis Skinner, one of the leaders of the far left, said that Mr Kinnock had a check

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to call for no distractions when "he and his mates went on television hours after the election talking about changes in the rules for reselecting MPs".

Mr Ken Livingstone, the former leader of the Greater London Council and newly elected MP for Brent East, alleged on television that Labour Party members could be subject to physical intimidation and thuggery if the method of reselecting MPs was changed.

His remarks provoked an immediate clash with Mr John Evans, who is chairing the working party looking at the proposals for a change to a one-member one-vote system. "That is not the sort of talk we want in the Labour Party", he told Mr Livingstone.

The enlarged Campaign Group of far left MPs also yesterday decided to put up its own candidate, Mr Max Maudslott, for the vacant chairmanship of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP).

But Mr Kinnock is determined to ignore the ritual protests from the left and to press ahead with the plan to change the way in which MPs are reselected. He wants it taken out of the hands of often unrepresentative general management committees and given to the party membership, a move that would reduce the influence of the far left.

Yesterday Labour MPs decided to press ahead quickly with elections for the shadow cabinet, which will reflect the new composition of the PLP. Mr Peter Shore has, contrary to expectations, told friends that he will be standing again, and Mr Denis Healey is expected to do so too.

A full inquest into the election defeat will be carried out in two weeks but in a fighting speech enthusiastically received by the MPs, Mr Kinnock wasted no time in showing that he was prepared to take on the far left.

In an obvious sideswipe at Mr Livingstone, who has spoken of the need for extra-parliamentary action, Mr Kinnock said "the Labour movement expected physical and political commitment to Parliament... they worked hard to get us here".

The Labour movement expected MPs to begin the campaign to win the next election now because they realized that elections were won in years not weeks; they expected the compilation of policies to be deliberate and practical, not spasmodic or self-indulgent; and most of all they expected a sustained unity of purpose and activity.

Mr Kinnock said: "Unity is not an adornment. It is a vital instrument. It is not an afterthought. It is an essential. That unity does not require great sacrifices, no burying of principles great or small."

"The demand for unity that I make and the movement makes is much more modest than that. It is to ensure that every word, every action, every statement and policy... everything we do is geared to victory."

Assessments of the defeat should be "frank and practical, not polemical" and it should be done "in the movement and not in front of the television cameras", a remark which reportedly caused some MPs to chuckle and look directly at Mr Livingstone.

Mr Kinnock said that no defeats were glorious or gratifying. But there were defeats that were challenging and could be turned into future victory.

Labour's analysis of the defeat must look at ways of developing the party's strategy in tune with changes in society, technology and the economy.

Unless Labour's values could be understood and accepted across the country, rather than predominantly in the areas where Labour was successful like Wales, Scotland and the North, the opportunity for showing that they worked nationally would not be gained.



Mr Neil Kinnock at the Commons yesterday with Mr Bernie Grant, the newly elected left-wing Labour MP for Tottenham, north London. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Drizzling June beats the odds

Britain is suffering the wettest start to any summer for 25 years, and William Hill, the bookmakers, are offering odds of 33 to 1 against rain interrupting or stopping play on every day of Wimbledon, which starts next week.

"So far it has rained every day this June, and there doesn't seem to be a let-up in sight", a spokesman said. The company has taken £5,000 worth of bets.

It is also offering odds of 16 to 1 to anyone rash enough to forecast the first two consecutive days when the temperature in London reaches 75° F (24° C) or more.

There is no doubting the awfulness of the June weather. London has had two and a half inches of rain this month, 50 per cent more than it expects to get for the whole of June.

The average maximum temperature, at about 17° C, is also significantly down on the 20 degrees normally expected.

Already, that great June event, Royal Ascot, has suffered under the weather.

Heavy rain soaked elegant racers and even the Royal Family were forced to beat a hasty retreat.

The rain held off long enough for the traditional open-carriage procession down the course to go ahead.

However meteorologists say there is no evidence that the summers of yesterday were any better than today's.



Pay offer may be forced on striking Civil Servants

By Roland Rude

A 4.25 per cent pay offer may be forced on striking Civil Service unions by the Government in the same way that it imposed a settlement over the heads of National Union of Mineworkers leaders.

Striking Civil Servants warned last night that the extra money would be used to prolong the strike if the Government carried out its threat to impose the offer.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants Association, said any such move would be taken by his members as a useful cash handout with which to continue the strike, but not as a settlement to end the 10-week dispute.

The two biggest Civil Service unions embarked on a fresh round of unofficial industrial action yesterday after talks broke down at the Treasury.

Thousands of Civil Servants walked out of social security offices in Scotland after management, anticipating further strike action, tried to force the white-collar unions to write out giro cheques in advance of today's walk out.

Customs officers at Portsmouth, Poole and Newhaven called a 24-hour lightning-strike yesterday, bringing freight traffic to a standstill, in protest over the Government's decision not to increase its 4.25 per cent offer.

Gold fraud men jailed

Three businessmen were yesterday jailed for periods ranging from two to four years for a VAT gold fraud involving millions of pounds.

It was the second trial resulting from one of the longest and most complex investigations carried out by Customs and Excise.

The judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday said the three men had taken part

Mortgages and gas price cuts benefit families

By David Young and Amanda Pardee

A cost of living bonus for millions is on the way, with British Gas reducing tariffs and two major building societies leading a new round of mortgage rate cuts.

The news is also welcome for the Government after the inflation rate failed to fall below 4 per cent in May as hoped. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said last night that soaring credit in the economy gave no cause for alarm and did not point to a resurgence of inflationary pressure.

A family with an annual gas bill of £275 will save £13 under price cuts announced yesterday. The standing charge will also be reduced for the first time since 1982, although the amount will vary from region to region.

New home buyers taking a £30,000 mortgage with the Halifax Building Society will save nearly £7 a month, while those borrowing from Abbey National will be about £11 a month better off.

The average 4.5 per cent gas bill reduction starts on July 1 in the wake of large profits announced yesterday by recently-privatized British Gas.

Those consumers who are also shareholders benefit twice over, as they can expect the shares to rise and they receive a final dividend of 4p a share.

Under the Government pricing formula which British Gas has to operate price cuts were inevitable this year, but the average of 4.5 per cent is about three times more than necessary under the formula. Cuts in standing charges will vary from region to region.

Gas prices have risen by 14.8 per cent over the last five years, a drop of 8 per cent after allowing for inflation.

British Gas, which announced profits of £806 million after tax, ended its first financial year in the private sector with £999 million in the bank and £750 million paid off the £2.5 billion debt that

the Government imposed on it on privatisation.

Shareholders in British Gas - the "Sids" attracted by the massive Government advertising campaign to privatise the company - will receive their dividend payments on October 5 and with such a large number of private shareholders British Gas has booked the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on August 27 for the first annual meeting.

The Halifax Building Society took the initiative yesterday when it announced a

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cut in the mortgage rate for new borrowers, quickly followed by the Abbey National.

The Halifax has brought its rate down from 11.25 per cent to 10.8 per cent, while the Abbey National has cut its rate from 11.25 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

The new rates apply immediately to new repayment and endowment mortgages. The net monthly payments on a £30,000 over 25 years will fall from £205.32 to £191.63 at the Abbey National and to £197.10 at the Halifax.

The rate charged to existing borrowers at the Halifax and Abbey National remains unchanged at 11.25 per cent for the time being.

Mr John Bayliss, general manager of the Abbey National said: "Revised rates for existing borrowers will be announced shortly."

For the time being, the interest paid to savers with the Halifax and the Abbey National will remain unchanged.

The Nationwide is taking a more cautious approach. Mr Brian Whitfield, general manager, market planning said: "We see no reason for the mortgage rate to be reduced at the moment considering current market conditions."

Thatcher to hold talks with Reagan in July

The Prime Minister is to hold talks with President Reagan in Washington on July 17, less than five weeks after their meeting last week at the Venice economic summit (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Whitehall sources said the meeting was likely to focus on East-West relations and arms control. Prospects for a treaty to eliminate medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe are certain to be discussed.

If Moscow persists in making West Germany's 72 Per-

ishing 1A shorter-range missile launchers part of the price for an agreement, Mrs Thatcher could be well placed to help in finding a solution.

Mr Reagan, who publicly expressed his admiration for the Prime Minister's foreign and domestic policies during the election campaign, was quick to congratulate her on her victory. His invitation is seen in Washington as a further sign of trust in his most loyal and long-standing European ally.

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Tunnel aid

Eurotunnel announced an interim financing package worth £72.5 million in loans from ten institutions to tide it over until its public share offering. Page 21

All change

Attitudes to management training are likely to be very different in future, says an introduction to today's eight-page General Appointments section. Pages 27-34

Portfolio Gold

The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by three readers. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 25.

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GPs not to be told Aids tests results

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Patients who go to special clinics for an Aids test were yesterday reassured that their results would not be passed on to their family doctor.

Delegates at the British Medical Association's general practitioners conference yesterday threw out a motion giving GPs the right to be told in confidence if a patient is found to be HIV positive.

Following a heated debate, doctors agreed to abide by existing guidelines for sexually transmitted diseases under which the GP is not informed of the results of any tests unless there are special circumstances and the patient gives his or her consent.

Delegates argued that it was up to the patient to decide whether or not to confide in a GP. Dr Robert Keable-Elliot, a GP in Buckinghamshire and treasurer of the BMA, said: "I believe that doctors are ser-

vants of their patients. It is up to them to come to us."

The GP could counsel patients and advise them that they would get better help if doctors were taken into their confidence but they should be under no compulsion, he said.

Dr Fay Wilson, a GP in Birmingham, said the conference should be ashamed that priority was given to an Aids motion on doctors' rights instead of other issues.

Dr Anthony Lister, a GP from Norfolk, said that patients' confidence would be destroyed if tests at STD clinics were not kept confidential.

Dr David Parkes-Brown, from Leicestershire, who proposed the motion, said part of a doctor's role was to stop the spread of the disease and therefore it was important for them to be given this information in confidence.

Day of paid Olympics upsets Mark Phillips

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Captain Mark Phillips yesterday criticized the International Olympic Committee for relaxing its rules and allowing professionals, particularly tennis players like Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova, to compete in the 1988 Games.

Captain Phillips, a member of the British three-day event team which won gold medals at the 1972 Olympics, said that he read "with some regret" of the changes for the Games.

"I have lived and competed in the Avery Brundage era of amateurism and those ideals still occupy a soft spot in my heart. Until now, the IOC has been the last bastion of amateurism: it has held out for the amateur ideals

and kept many sports truly amateur," he writes in the current edition of Horse and Hound.

He says that when tennis players were admitted to the Seoul Olympics the world realized that the Games were taking on a new image.

Captain Phillips, who was a member of British teams at three Olympics, details the old eligibility rules including one barring anyone registered as a professional athlete or professional coach from taking part in the Games.

"In no way could Messrs Lendl and Becker and Mrs Navratilova and Graf comply with these rules. All the moguls of tennis now have to do to be eligible for the Games is to take off their sponsorship logos for two or three weeks while they are living and competing at the Olympics."

Pointing out that it is not just the tennis players who are coming into the Games but also professional footballers, he adds: "All players from the Third World are now eligible for the Games, plus everyone who has not played in a World Cup."

"Snooker could well be next. We already have synchronized swimming so why not ballroom dancing and bowls as well?" he asks.

Captain Phillips says that the proliferation of world cups and world championships may have diverted television money and attention from the Olympics, which will "surely never be the same again."

"I fear that their romantic appeal may be gone forever and with it the public appeal, which has made our medalists household names. I fear the

Olympics may become just another one of those TV events that occur every year or two."

He says that the Games were already in danger of becoming too big. "If the IOC believes that by throwing open the doors and making them bigger it will somehow retain its status in world sport, I believe it is sadly mistaken."

Captain Phillips says the Games should have moved in the other direction, by stopping the growth of team competitions and "stayed with" those international federations which were bent on protecting amateur participation, while trying to make an orderly transition from "amateur" to "competitor" or "regulation amateur" status.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Airbus triumphs in Paris air show

The Paris Air Show ended on a high note yesterday for the European aircraft industry. French airline UTA lead the way with an order for six Airbus A340 jets, followed by Lufthansa's signing of a contract for a further 15 A340s. Each costs around \$70 million.

Driver banned

A lady-in-waiting of the Princess Royal was yesterday banned from driving for a year. Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, aged 37, of Eccleston Square, Victoria, central London, was also fined £200 with £25 costs at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court when she admitted driving in Belgrave Square with excess alcohol.

Presenter off the air

A local radio sports presenter was suspended yesterday after he said the Princess of Wales was "a bit of a dog". Pat Foley also described the Duchess of York as "frumpy and overweight", saying he could find better-looking girls in the local town.

Stone Age find saved

A 5,000-year-old work of art has been found on a chalk wall in the path of Dorchester's bypass. Archaeologists who unearthed the 2ft-long engraving by a Stone Age artist have removed the design, part of a stone circle monument and believed to be a fertility symbol.

Walker jostled

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, was jostled by Welsh language protesters seeking more money for Welsh education yesterday when he arrived at the Welsh Office in Cardiff. He said that he had accepted the post with enthusiasm, and Welsh unemployment problems would have a higher profile.



Damages for arm

Mr Roy Tapping, aged 37, the Aylesbury farm worker who carried his severed arm, torn off by a baler, a quarter of mile before it was sewn back in a 10-hour operation, was yesterday awarded £45,000 agreed damages in the High Court.

Action on hippies

The Forestry Commission expects to obtain a possession order for land near Stonehenge today, to move more than 150 hippies. The hippies are camped in a wood used as a springboard for an attempt to reach Stonehenge for the solstice this weekend.

Show steals a march

The date of the Birmingham motor show has been changed to September to beat the rival Paris show and attract more new models and overseas visitors.

Ruling against Family Court criticized

The Cabinet decision not to proceed at present with the setting up of a Family Court was strongly condemned yesterday by Lady Faithfull, who leads the Family Courts Campaign. "If this is true then I find it very disturbing and depressing", she said.

The proposals outlining the potential range of costs for a family court drawn up by a committee of officials from four government departments came before a Cabinet sub-committee just before the election was called. The Treasury was unhappy that at the very worst, and assuming a big take-up in legal aid, such a court could cost £32 million.

end of a scale, however, which also predicted that a Family Court could save costs. It was decided not to include the Family Court in the Conservative party manifesto. Yesterday Mr Peter Riches, co-ordinator of the Family Courts Campaign, an umbrella body for some 100 individuals and other bodies, said if the report was true, then the decision not to proceed at present was "morally and financially irresponsible".

Having more men on beat 'will not halt rise in crime'

Pressures for the police to put more men on the beat arose from a "dewy-eyed notion" which ignored the reality of policing problems of manpower, the country's leading police officers were told yesterday. The Association of Chief Police Officers' conference in Blackpool was told that although putting more "bobbies on the beat" is government policy, and was supported by all parties in the general election, the strategy could not effectively fight crime.



Courage of kidnap Briton's fiancée

The girl friend of a man kidnapped in Beirut hopes to confront the unknown gunman who have held him for the past 14 months. Miss Jill Morrell (pictured above), who had planned to marry Mr John McCarthy, a television producer aged 30, before he was abducted, said: "I would like to go to Lebanon and talk to the people who are holding John. Whenever it becomes safe enough I will go in."

McGahey leaves NUM job

Mr Mick McGahey, one-time enfant terrible of the union movement and scourge of the establishment, yesterday relinquished his position as vice-president of the National Union of Mineworkers. Mr McGahey, aged 62, a lifelong and committed Communist, also ceased to be president of the Scottish NUM and handed over the post to Mr George Bolton, also a Communist, who was elected unopposed.

BP gets on-shore oil field decision

A large-scale expansion of Western Europe's biggest on-shore oil field can now go ahead, after a High Court decision yesterday. The decision gives BP Petroleum Developments additional land rights on the 4,700 acre Rempton estate, which covers a large part of the Wyth Farm oil field on the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset.

In a seven-week hearing into the application by BP, the court was told that the oil company had failed to agree compensation terms for the expansion with the estate's trustees. The trustees wanted compensation on the basis of the value to BP of what it would be acquiring.

Yesterday Mr Justice Peter Gibson said he accepted BP's claim that the trustees were demanding unreasonable terms.

He said: "In my judgement the correct basis of valuation is the value of what the estate will lose by the grant, that is to say the rights over land having an existing agricultural and forestry use, plus compensation for disturbance."

BP said the additional rights, mainly to bore more wells and construct works on the surface, would enable it to operate Wyth Farm to its full commercial capacity.

Production is currently running at about 5,500 barrels a day from the Bridport and Sherwood reservoirs. BP expects total production from the two fields after expansion to reach 60,000 barrels a day at peak.

In his ruling the judge said: "Satisfied as I am that it is in the national interest to grant the rights, I shall do so, subject to BP obtaining authorization under the 1962 Pipelines Act for an oil export pipeline to Southampton Water or appropriate consent for an alternative export route acceptable to Dorset County Council."

While parts of the estate were beautiful, the judge said, the northern part where the oilfield lies, was already adversely affected by the very visible well sites and the commercial plantations managed by the Forestry Commission.

He accepted BP's compensation figure of £33,000 for injurious affection and disturbance, plus 10 per cent of that figure because of the compulsory nature of the acquisition.

BP will pay £267,897 for the value of trees in the woodland areas and for pipeline and cable laying rights.

The question of who pays the extremely large costs of the legal action will be decided at a later date.

A right to silence for investigators

The police are under no obligation to tell a suspect if they plan to apply for a court order giving them access to confidential information about him, the High Court in London ruled yesterday. Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy granted the Director of Public Prosecutions a declaration that the only people entitled to know about an application for "special procedure material" under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984 were the police making the application and the holder of the material sought.

City plans to harness waste heat

Birmingham City Council is planning a £15 million project to harness waste hot water to heat 8,000 homes at almost half the usual cost. The scheme would involve pumping hot water to council estates from diesel generators at the city's Fort Dunlop factory. The generators produce big amounts of hot water for use in tyre-making, but since Fort Dunlop was taken over by a Japanese company, the water has not been needed.

Former Sogat man 'bullied at work'

A former member of Sogat '82 who claims that he was threatened because of his refusal to pay a levy in support of colleagues on strike at News International is taking John Menzies, the newspaper distributor, to an industrial tribunal. Mr Tony McArdle, a £225-a-week lorry driver at the company's Albion Wharf, south London, depot, is seeking compensation for constructive dismissal. He says that since leaving the union, "it has been impossible for me to work in reasonable expectation of safety at my job."

Technology colleges' funding plans criticized

The Education, Science and Arts Committee says in a report on the department's expenditure plans that ministers should explain precisely the role and responsibilities of the department, head teachers and governors in controlling the new schools. The schools will be supported by a direct grant from Whitehall and run by charitable trusts, with private industry paying for the premises. The report says that the colleges should be subject to independent assessment; and calls for more details, before the first of them opens, on financing, administration and accountability.

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Former Sogat man 'bullied at work'

Mr McArdle returned briefly to work, but found the atmosphere too intimidating. In a letter of resignation to Mr J. W. Vaughan, labour and administration manager of John Menzies, he said: "You allowed me to be physically intimidated. You knew that my position in the union was intolerable and yet you blamed me for resigning. "When you allowed me to return to work, you did so having done apparently nothing in the intervening period to ensure that I could work normally. In a letter to The Freedom Association, which is assisting Mr McArdle, Mr Vaughan said: "Mr McArdle took a unilateral decision to resign from the union in the knowledge of probable consequences."

Heysel plea to Belgium

A British lawyer yesterday called on Belgium to drop extradition proceedings against soccer fans facing manslaughter charges in the Brussels courts. Sir Harry Livermore, a solicitor representing seven of the 26 fans, said they should be tried in Britain.

The charges all arise from the European Cup riots at Belgium's Heysel stadium in May 1985, when violence by British hooligans left 39 dead. But the lawyer said he was not trying to alter the course of justice or stop the men coming to trial. "England should try its own nationals", he said.

Sir Harry said the guilty would be brought to trial more quickly at home than if they waited for the completion of lengthy extradition proceedings, which could involve a long period of unnecessary detention in Belgian jails.

"The European Human Rights Convention says that an individual is entitled to a fair and speedy trial", Sir Harry said. But Belgian Justice ministry sources said they understood English law forbade their trial in Britain. "If they could have tried them in Britain, we would not have asked for their extradition", said a spokesman.

Sir Harry also asked that the Mayor of Brussels, M. Herve Brouhon and the Chief of the Gendarmerie, General Robert Bernaert be tried in Brussels. He said their negligence had contributed to the tragedy.

Correction

Contrary to a report yesterday, Mr John Bird (Labour) was elected to the Midlands West constituency of the European Parliament on March 5. Two Conservative members of the European Parliament, Mr David Curry and Mr John Marshall, were elected to Westminster last week.



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# Jail over VAT fraud for trio who melted down £20m in gold

By Andrew Morgan

Three businessmen were convicted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of taking part in a VAT gold fraud involving millions of pounds.

After a five-month trial, the jury found the three men guilty of defrauding the Customs and Excise of £2.9 million through making false VAT returns on gold transactions worth £20 million, which had been carried out over a seven-month period.

It was the second trial resulting from Operation Ernie, the Customs and Excise prosecution which started in 1981.

That proved to be the longest and most complex operation the department had undertaken, involving the suspected theft of VAT worth nearly £20 million. So far, nothing has been recovered.

Alexander Grunfield, aged 43, a company director of St John's Wood, north-west London, was sentenced to four years. Thomas Lee, aged 43, a director of Tee Jay Antiques, of Haslingden, Lancashire, was given three years; and George White, aged 37, the owner of a dry-cleaning chain, from Chiswell, Essex, was sentenced to two years.

Judge Coombe made criminal bankruptcy orders of

£1,650,000 each against Grunfield and Lee. White was ordered to pay £10,000 compensation to the tax authorities. The judge said the trio had taken part in a carefully planned, sophisticated and organized fraud.

The judge discharged the jury from further service for life, praising their patience through the five-month trial. He said the case showed the importance of jury trials for complicated frauds.

A fourth accused, Miss Margaret Braithwaite, aged 33, a former beauty queen and company director from Wallingham, Surrey, was cleared of taking part in the fraud. She wept after the jury, which had deliberated for nearly 16 hours, announced their verdict.

The court heard that the men bought gold coins, mainly Canadian maple leaf coins, and melted them down into gold bars, selling them to legitimate bullion dealers. Mr Douglas Blair, for the prosecution, said that at the time the coins were exempt from VAT. But if they were melted down and sold as bars, then the purchaser had to pay 15 per cent VAT on top of the price.

He told the court that instead of passing this VAT to the Customs and Excise, the

defendants had salted it away after using a chain of bogus invoices. The invoices were allegedly provided by three dealers from Hatton Garden, in central London, now on the run.

The court was told that Grunfield, a Swiss-born bachelor, ran Rushfern Limited, a precious metal dealers in the Royal Exchange, Manchester, with a £10 million turnover and £400,000 annual profits.

He was said to have bought 40,000 one-ounce gold coins over a seven-month period. The racket, in which Thomas Lee melted the coins, helped Grunfield to buy homes in Surrey and St John's Wood.

The prosecution said that George White, who set up a front company, Shinechoice Limited, to buy more gold, almost escaped detection. But Customs officers recognized his handwriting on VAT returns he made when keeping the books for an Epsom public house. An expert confirmed they matched documents in the fraud.

Judge Coombe's criminal bankruptcy orders were the second in Operation Ernie. In the first trial, orders of more than £7 million each were made against two men, as well as a contribution of £390,000 towards prosecution costs.

# Operation Ernie's jackpot

By Andrew Morgan

Nine Customs and Excise VAT specialists have spent six years so far on Operation Ernie, poring through tons of documents to isolate the most complex webs of fraud valued at £20 million on gold sales of £160 million. It was mostly centred on dealers in Hatton Garden, central London.

The officers followed circuitous routes through bank accounts in the UK as well as West Germany, Israel, Canada and Switzerland.

One officer said the courtroom during the subsequent trials resembled the reading-room of the British Museum, with a 350-volume set of court exhibits standing 30 feet high. Initially, 84,000 documents were considered, reduced to 5,000 at the trials.

The trial finishing yesterday was the second resulting from Operation Ernie, so-called

after the dealing among certain bullion businesses, which seemed to have "hit a jackpot", was first noticed during the 1981 gold boom.

The first trial lasted six months and ended in April last year with the jailing of two brothers, David and Emmanuel Schreiber, convicted of £9 million worth of VAT offences on gold transactions of £80 million in 11 months. A third man, Moshe Getter, was given a 12-month suspended sentence.

A third trial is still pending but the main defendants, facing allegations of a £7.5 million VAT fraud, absconded before it could start. Three of the men, Bernhard de Vries, Abraham Lipshitz and Benjamin Stolberg, all dealers from Hatton Garden, are alleged to have charged £5,000 for false VAT-bearing invoices. It is

thought they now live in Israel.

So far, about £2.5 million has been spent on the case. More than 260 witnesses have appeared, with some flown in from Switzerland, Israel, West Germany and Canada to appear at the Central Criminal Court.

More than 40 businesses in the Hatton Garden area were investigated, as well as 70 bank accounts, before charges were pressed. During those proceedings, the Lycium Ballroom had to be hired to store all the documents. Photocopying alone is estimated at £100,000.

The law was changed in 1983, putting VAT on gold coins, but it is believed that similar frauds cost the Exchequer £200 million in the previous four years.



Moshe Getter (left), David Schreiber and his brother Emmanuel, who were all found guilty in the first VAT gold fraud trial arising out of Operation Ernie.

# A Tebbit facelift for HQ

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The interior of Conservative Central Office is to be gutted and rebuilt under a plan put forward by Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman.

Mr Tebbit has instructed Lord McAlpine of West Green, the Tory treasurer and a director of the family construction company, to undertake a full review of the building in Smith Square, Westminster.

Party sources indicated that it is likely to lead to a complete revamp of the interior of the red brick post-war building, which has been Tory Party headquarters since 1958.

The review is part of a fundamental overhaul of the party election machine, the effectiveness of which was called into question during the general election campaign, with criticisms levelled by ministers at the degree of coordination between Smith Square, 10 Downing Street and Whitehall, and complaints of a lacklustre media effort.

The main conference room, which was used for daily press conferences, proved too small to comfortably accommodate the Prime Minister, her colleagues and the accompanying throng of reporters and camera operators.

As a result, the images of Conservative press conferences, a central ingredient in television coverage, lacked the professionalism of those organised by the Labour Party.

The existing premises, which house 140 full-time staff, are also thought to be ill-suited for accommodating the latest computer and communications equipment.

# Train fare increases 'Aim is to deter passengers'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The railway users' watchdog body, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, is going to raise with British Rail evidence that it may be using fare increases as a means of controlling overcrowding on trains.

On Sunday most cheap "saver" fares are being increased by between 5 and 10 per cent. An internal British Rail document about a meeting which took place last November says that InterCity, which operates long-distance passenger trains, intended to control overcrowding by a fares policy.

The consultative committee said it had long suspected that that was British Rail policy,

and the document appeared to prove it.

The issue would be raised with British Rail. The real problem was that the railways did not have enough rolling stock to meet the booming passenger demand.

They should obtain more rolling stock, and re-schedule services to meet demand. British Rail did not challenge the genuineness of the document, but said that it was the minutes of an operations management group, who were not involved in fares policy.

It denied that the purpose of the saver fare increases was to reduce overcrowding by deterring people from travelling. It said that saver fares,

which are substantially lower than standard return tickets, were often adjusted to take account of market conditions. Not all saver fares would be going up on Sunday, and some which were would still be cheaper than in 1985.

Among saver fares which would not be increasing were those from London to Manchester, York, Newcastle and Leeds.

The saver fare from London to Edinburgh was going up by £3 to £60, and while that from London to Glasgow was rising by about 10 per cent, the "low" saver, which cannot be used on Fridays, would still be cheaper than in 1985. Many of the fares were going up by about £1.

# 'Brain skilled' will dominate future workforce

By John Spicer Employment Affairs Correspondent

"Brain skilled" employees will soon dominate the country's workforce with the rest doing part-time or contractual work, in a complete reversal of the situation 50 years ago when most of the employed were manual workers.

And by the beginning of the next century the large permanent staffs employed by the bigger companies will be a thing of the past.

That was the picture of working Britain within the next decade painted by Professor Charles Handy, a leading authority on employment organization, in a speech to a gathering of 600 personnel managers from all over Europe in London yesterday.

He said that the country was about to see a complete reversal

of the scene 50 years ago when 70 per cent of the workforce were manual workers. It will not be long, he said, before 70 per cent were "knowledge workers". Professor Handy said the changes were already happening and could be seen in the growth of part-time work.

At present 16 million people out of 24 million were in full-time work. By 1990 that figure would fall to 14 million and by the end of the century only half (12 million) of the workforce would have full-time jobs.

The rest would be self-employed, part-timers or without work. Professor Handy, a special adviser to the House of Commons select committee on employment, said companies would soon be made up of a professional core of people

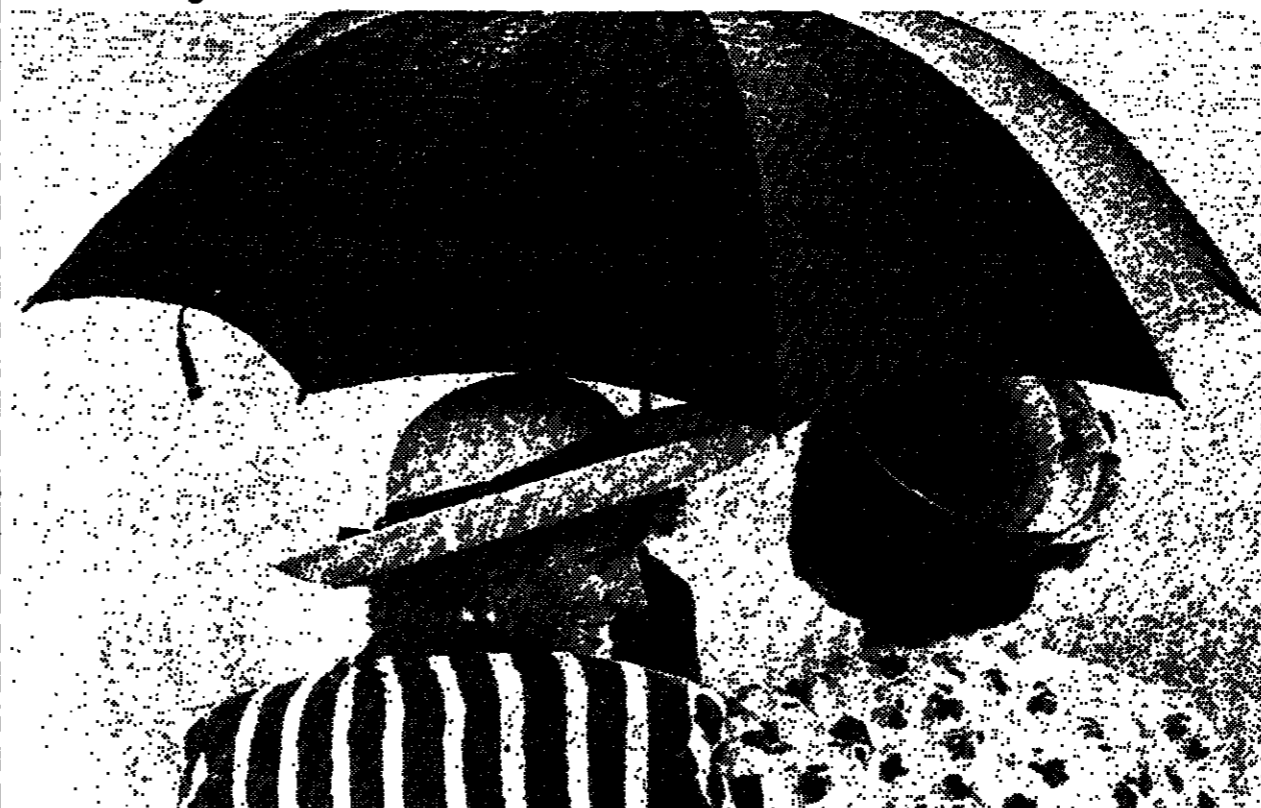
who would be highly educated, highly paid and work extremely hard and for whom "burnout" will be a fashionable disease.

Their firms would contract out much of their work. "The question now," the professor said, "is why keep a large staff for work that someone else can do more cheaply at competitive rates?"

The ideal workforce, he added, would be flexible and largely part-time. "We have discovered that it makes no economic sense to pay overtime at higher than the going rate for the job. The answer is a flexible workforce working for 2 1/2 days or 2 1/2 months as required."

Professor Handy said the time was coming when everyone would have a job for a time - but not all the time. He also warned his audience that

# Royal shelter from Ascot thunder



The Princess of Wales and a friend sheltering under an umbrella during one of the two thunderstorms yesterday that made for a wet programme of racing on the second day of Royal Ascot (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

# Tenerife is cheapest on holiday

By Derek Harris

Tenerife is the least expensive place for a holiday although Corfu is best for a three-course dinner and the cheapest beer can be found in Rhodes.

A new guide to the cost of holiday living from Thomas Cook, which puts dinner at a Corfu restaurant at £3.33 a head and beer in Rhodes at 33p a half-litre, finds also that Tenerife is cheapest for wine, at 75p a litre. The same amount on the Greek island of Skiathos costs £2.85.

Meanwhile, ice-cream lovers will spend less in Cyprus, Malta, Tenerife and Yugoslavia than elsewhere.

Thomas Cook, which has extended its annual survey to include 19 holiday resorts, mostly around the Mediterranean, finds that car hire rates make the Greek islands look the most expensive overall, yet for most holiday purchases they are among the cheapest.

Equally, Malta, which with Sicily and Sorrento, Italy, is regarded as one of the most expensive destinations, comes out fourth cheapest overall because of low car hire rates.

Sorrento has the most expensive beer, at £1.20 a half-litre, while the Costa del Sol is second cheapest for beer, at 38p a half-litre.

The most expensive resort is Crete, again because of high car hire rates which are three times as much as in Lanzarote, the cheapest place for car hire.

If both car hire and petrol costs are excluded, Corfu rates as the cheapest destination, followed by Minorca, Tenerife, Cyprus, Crete and Rhodes.

Taking all costs into account, Tenerife is the cheapest, followed by Lanzarote, Majorca, Malta, Gran Canaria and the Costa del Sol.

# Police on trial 'Victim heard bone crack'

By David Cross

A youth who was one of five allegedly attacked and beaten by police officers heard a snap like a cracking bone, the Central Criminal Court in London was told yesterday.

Gary Foley, who was aged 14 at the time of the incident nearly four years ago, said there was a lot of moaning and groaning from his friends. "I heard one of the other boys really crying out", he said.

One of the officers allegedly went up to Baltimore Ranger, then aged 16, and hit him with his knee. "I saw a helmet and a shock of blond hair coming out from behind. The officer grabbed me by the neck and punched me on the left eye. "I noticed his dark moustache. As I doubled up I saw different boots kicking into my legs from all sides."

After the attack, which took place in a quiet street off the Holloway Road in north London, one of the officers ordered them to go.

"We just ran and carried on running to the nearest pub."

Next day, when Gary Foley was examined by a police doctor, he had a black eye and scratches on his neck.

Daniel Jenkins, who was aged 16 at the time of the incident, said that Baltimore Ranger had been punched in the face and ended up with a broken nose.

"Gary was being punched about the head and then I was punched on the side of the face", he said. He had suffered bruises and grazes on his back and legs from kicks or truncheons.

Eric Ranger, Baltimore's brother, then aged 14, was bleeding badly from the attack.

The prosecution says that the five innocent boys were beaten up by four uniformed constables in a "disgraceful episode" in George's Road after a fair. Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said that the officers failed to own up to their alleged involvement in the assaults until several years later.

PC Edward Main and PC Nicholas Wise, both aged 27, and PC Michael Gavin and PC Michael Parr, both aged 28, all deny assaulting four of the youths - Baltimore and Eric Ranger. Gary Foley and Daniel Jenkins - causing them actual bodily harm. They also deny assaulting a fifth boy, Dursan Nalbant, aged 13 at the time.

The four constables and Sgt Colin Edwards, aged 34, also deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements about the attack.

Miss Lisa Cole, now aged 17, said she heard banging and shouting and saw a fist go into a boy's stomach. The boy fell back on to the railings. One of them had a bad eye and his face was covered in blood.

Miss Ann Troy, now aged 19, said that she could see five or six men in uniform with truncheons hitting the youths. "Some of the kids were running past and blood went all over my coat", she said.

The case resumes today.

# Tory MPs attack TV 'bias'

A group of Conservative MPs may try to block a television company's attempt to renew its franchise because they claim it is biased against their party.

The group, consisting of the handful of Tories elected to Labour-dominated North-east England, will meet at the House of Commons today to decide on what action to take against the Newcastle-based Tynce Television company, which they believe contributed to the region's anti-Government swing.

Tynce Tees denied the allegation yesterday but Mr Richard Holt, MP for Langbaurgh in Cleveland, said he felt that the station's coverage of the elec-

tion campaign had helped the local swing to Labour, including the defeat of Piers Merchant, the Tory MP for Newcastle Central since 1983.

Mr Holt was particularly upset by the live current affairs phone-in programme, *Nightline*. He claimed that studio audiences had been packed with left-wingers, that calls from the public had been vetted, while its so-called opinion polls had been totally wrong.

The MPs are to consider opposing the renewal of the Tynce Tees franchise in 1992 unless there was a dramatic re-appraisal of their attitude towards the Conservative Party.

He claimed that bias was not confined to Tynce Tees and said he had already sent a letter of complaint to the director general of the BBC making a similar accusation regarding Radio Cleveland, which covers his constituency, and BBC television in Newcastle.

Tynce Tees said: "Our coverage was scrupulously fair and impartial. Mr Holt himself was given ample opportunity to express his views on one of our three *Nightline* programmes devoted to important election issues."

The BBC said: "Political balance across the three main parties was scrupulously maintained by BBC North-east."

# Heavy lorries 'should face minor roads ban'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Heavy goods vehicles should be banned from many minor country roads because of the structural damage they cause, according to a paper prepared for the Institution of Civil Engineers.

The paper has been prepared by the institution's infrastructure policy group, and will be discussed at a conference in London today.

It says the main cause of damage to roads and bridges appears to be heavy goods vehicles, and that the effect is especially severe on bridges and minor roads.

There is too much emphasis on the maintenance of major roads which have relatively minor problems, and not enough on minor roads, which

comprise 90 per cent of the total, and have major problems, it says.

"A damage limitation exercise appears to be essential."

The logical conclusion is to ban the vehicles which cause the damage. Highway authorities already have the powers, but use them reluctantly.

The paper advocates a return to less efficient lighter vehicles which used to be used for local delivery, arguing that their extra cost would be far less than the cost of repair and closure if those roads were not protected.

Licences could be purchased where it was essential for a heavier vehicle to use a particular route.

# Mother in moors plea to Brady

The distraught mother of one of the two missing moors murder victims last night wrote to Ian Brady following his curt refusal to accept Myra Hindley, begging him to pinpoint the youngsters' graves.

Twenty-four hours after Hindley made her dramatic plea to the one-time inseparable companion with whom she has not communicated for 16 years, Brady issued instructions that her letter from Cookham Wood jail was to be returned unopened.

Mr Benedict Birnberg, a solicitor, said, after a telephone conversation with Brady in Park Lane special hospital, Merseyside, that the diagnosed psychopath had told hospital officials not to hand him the letter.

Immediately after being told of Brady's reaction, Mrs Winifred Johnson, the mother of 12-year-old Keith Bennett, who disappeared 23 years ago, sent a letter to Brady from her home in Fallowfield, Manchester.

She hopes that although Brady has disregarded Hindley's appeal to reveal the whereabouts of the two graves on Saddleworth Moor, he will show more compassion to the mother of one of his victims.

Mrs Johnson, 53, said she and the mother of teenager Pauline Reade had lived a nightmare existence since their children disappeared. It would only end when Brady broke the silence he has maintained over two decades and told police precisely where the bodies are buried. A police search for the bodies continued yesterday.

# Portfolio Gold Card leads to family success

Mr John Clark, a retired bank manager, of Petersfield, Hampshire, has found a family asset in his Portfolio Gold card.

Mr Clark learnt yesterday that he is one of three readers who will share a £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Then he revealed that by an extraordinary coincidence his wife had won £3,000 in the competition soon after it first started.

Mr Clark, aged 58, said that he would share the prize money with his three children.

Mr Barry Jones, aged 54, of Wallasey, Merseyside, and Mr Herbert Sullivan, aged 74, of Liverpool, were the two other winners.



Mr Barry Jones: A share in the prize

Portfolio Gold cards can be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold, The Times, Blackburn, BBI 6AJ.

# Vigilante fear over firearms

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

A big increase in the number of firearm and shotgun certificates has renewed fears that guns are being bought for protection against violent crime.

Home Office figures for England and Wales released yesterday showed a rise in the number of firearms certificates to 160,385 in 1985, after a steady decline from 216,281 in 1968 to 159,804 in 1983. Shotgun certificates have increased from 715,453 in 1971 to 819,333.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard figures for the metropolis showed that permits for shotguns jumped from 30,293 in 1984 to 41,814 in 1986. Firearms certificates rose from 8,877 to 9,084.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, said yesterday that people should have more right to protect themselves against burglars and muggers.

He said that the acquittal of Bernhard Goetz of the attempted murder of four alleged muggers on the New York subway showed that in America, "ordinary men and women are tired of being mugged, of having their homes robbed and their lives put at risk. The same is happening in this country."

Mr Tony Judge, a spokesman for the Police Federation, said yesterday that it was against the purchase of guns for self-protection. A burglar could find himself in possession of a murder weapon if he got hold of the gun.

Mr Paul Roberts, past chairman of the Gun Trade Association, said yesterday: "The experience of the trade is that we have had no sales of shotguns other than for genuine sporting purposes."

# Offensive hats upset holiday air

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Police in Lincolnshire are to use new powers to deal with a craze that is apparently offending families at seaside resorts.

Young holidaymakers have taken to wearing sexually explicit and obscene T-shirts and hats carrying imitation excreta and genitalia.

Police in Skegness and Mablethorpe, who have been inundated with complaints, have decided to tackle the problem with new powers under the Public Order Act 1986, which enables them to prosecute offenders and confiscate the offending articles. A number of people have already been reported for prosecution.

Chief Insp Nigel Cobbold, of Skegness police, said yesterday that the offending items were "something we are not prepared to tolerate because they are distressing to the great majority of people coming here on holiday... we will take action where necessary."

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# SOME OF OUR PUBS HAVE BECOME A LOT MORE SUCCESSFUL SINCE WE ADDED GROUND COFFEE, BROCCOLI AND GRUYÈRE TO THE BEER.

It's certainly been a recipe for success in Soho. In 1983, The Helvetia in Old Compton Street, was one of those pubs where three pints of bitter and a packet of cheese and onion crisps was a big order. Today on the same site, expensively padded shoulders jostle with each other at the bar, for another couple of champagne cocktails before dinner.

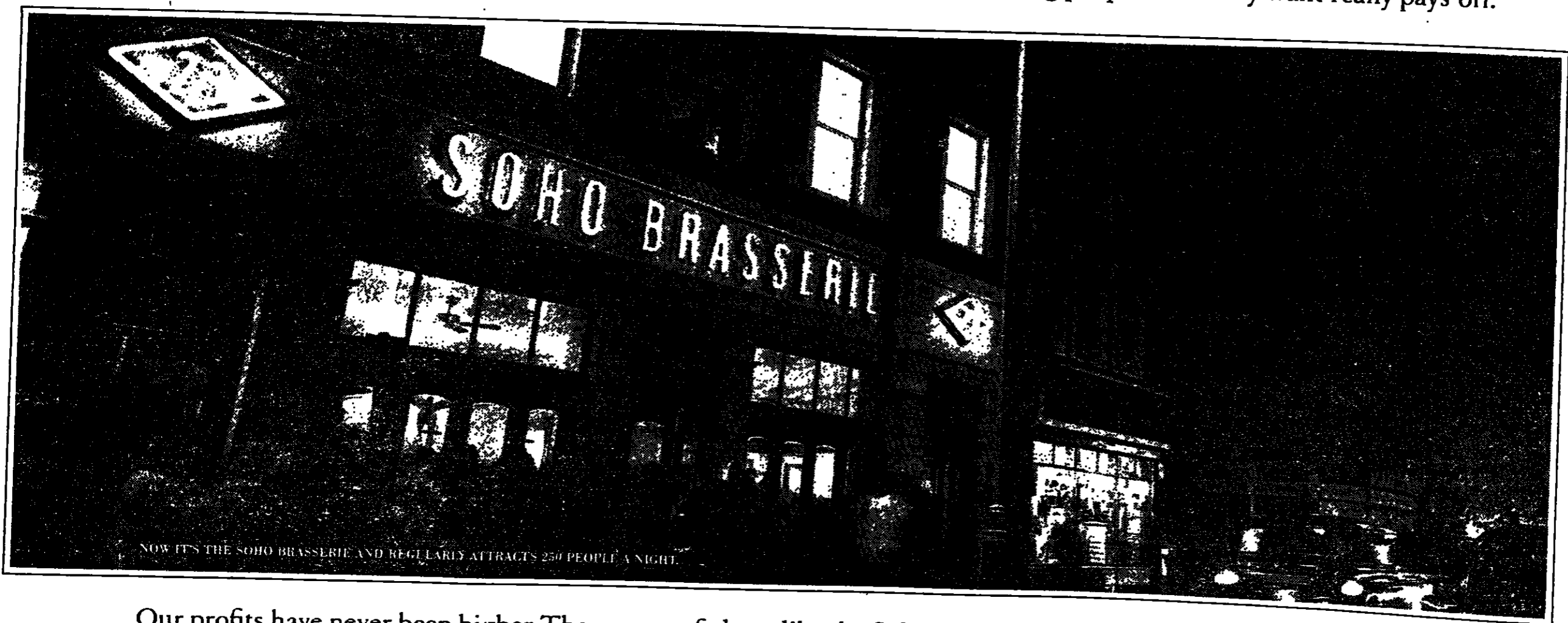


THREE PEOPLE WAS A BIG NIGHT AT THE HELVETIA IN 1983.

In three years the Soho Brasserie has paid back every penny we invested in it and established itself as what one magazine described as, 'the Rovers Return of the media set'. And it's a perfect example of the way we've been looking at our 6900 pubs. Not of course that we intend to put brasseries on every street corner.

The Soho Brasserie is just one result of our policy of researching what's missing in an area, then building it. In Watford, we discovered what would get people out for the night was a night spot. So we converted a large roadhouse pub into The Gamebird. It's now a thriving, jiving success turning over £750,000 a year.

And in Bolton, we found what they were crying out for was a really traditional pub. The Howcroft is now packed every night and has anything but traditional profits. In the last few years we've spent £270 million on our pubs. And in some places we noticed the last thing people wanted was another pub. So we've turned them into café-bars, restaurants or wine bars. And giving people what they want really pays off.



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So we offer them this advice. To achieve our success, start by discovering what's missing from your beer. **Allied-Lyons**



# Crown service wants to use unqualified prosecutors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Unqualified staff in the Crown Prosecution Service may take cases in magistrates' courts as part of a shake-up designed to bring greater efficiency.

Senior staff and outside management consultants, called in to improve the service, are suggesting that people who have degrees, but no professional qualifications, should be able to prosecute minor cases such as motoring offences. The move, designed to "achieve the best use of skilled resources", would be a radical departure from present practice. In general, only the service's lawyers who are qualified solicitors or barristers can take cases in the courts, although there are some limited rights for local authority and government employees.

The union representing crown prosecution staff, the First Division Association, yesterday said the proposal was a matter of considerable concern. According to the union, unqualified staff in some areas already screen cases to decide whether there should be a prosecution.

The association said: "We

are totally and utterly opposed to the use of unqualified staff either for vetting or to take cases in the courts".

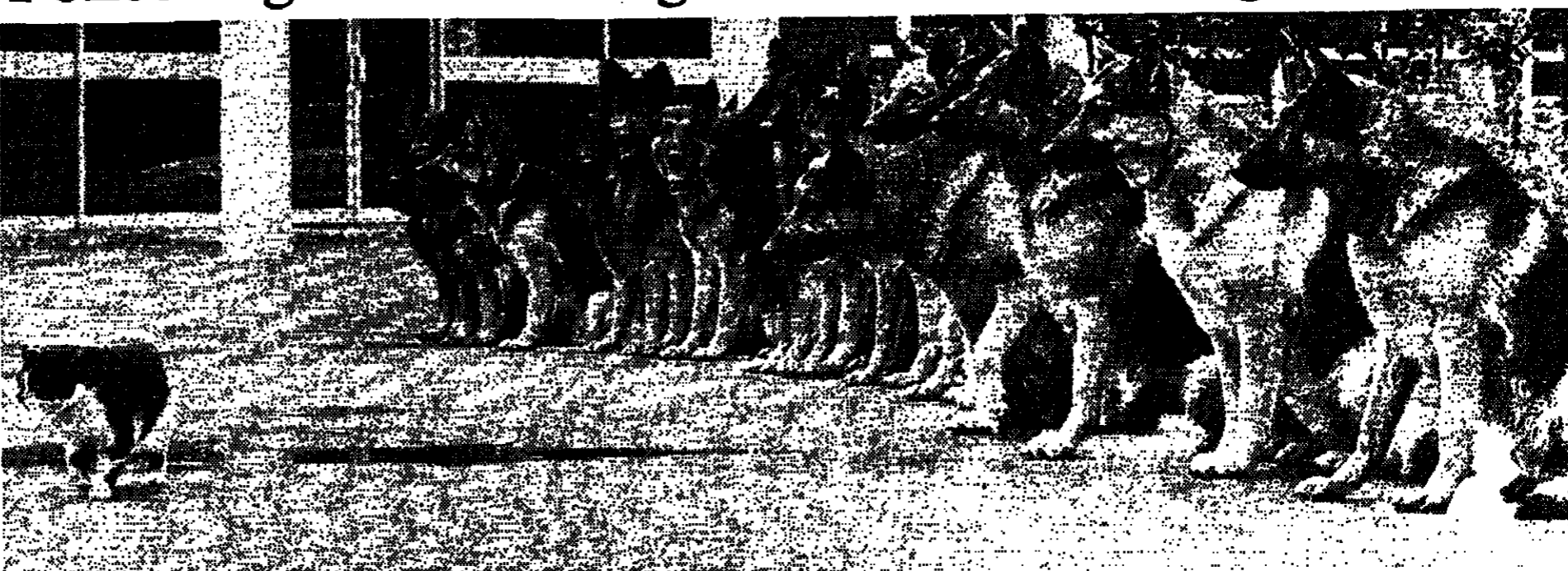
The service management maintains that any screening of cases by unqualified staff would be under the supervision of a lawyer. But the association says they were already making decisions on motoring offences.

Mr Anthony Draycott, clerk to the Doncaster justices and recently retired as chairman of the Justices' Clerks' Society legal committee, said that if the Crown Prosecution Service went down this road, he personally would be "rather unhappy".

Yesterday the service said the details were still being "hammered out" but denied unqualified staff would review a case to see if it should continue. They would do the initial screening only, to make sure all necessary papers were present.

The new management strategy has been devised to set the service on a more stable path after its first year of "crisis management".

# Police dogs face the toughest test for choosing champion



Catwalk training — 16 German Shepherds hold ranks as they practise at Keston Dog Training School, Kent, for this month's Police Dog Championships (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

# Fitness challenge to North 'Gay lessons' anger Muslims

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A hope that Britain's healthiest couple came from the North of England was expressed by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, yesterday.

Earlier this year Mrs Currie annoyed many people there by claiming their diet consisted too much of beer and chips.

Yesterday Mrs Currie launched a competition, sponsored by the Health Education Authority, Brookside D tea and TV Times, to find Britain's healthiest couple.

At the launch, outside the House of Commons, she said: "I would love some North-ers to prove me wrong by winning the competition."

It is open to any couple over 18, including brothers and sisters. The judges will include Miss Winsey Willis, the television weather forecaster, and Mr Jeff Thompson, the former world karate champion.

Did Mrs Currie think she was a front-runner for the contest?

"It's for Britain's healthiest couple", she emphasized, perhaps thinking of her husband, Mr Ray Currie, who still smokes.

Heats for the competition will be in Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, Bristol and London.

The winners will receive a new car, a holiday in Lanzarote, £200 and a year's supply of tea. Application forms are in the TV Times. Health, page 12

# 'Gay lessons' anger Muslims

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Organizations representing up to 20,000 Muslims in the London Borough of Brent yesterday called on the council to scrap plans to promote "positive images of homosexuality" in its 100 primary and secondary schools.

A resolution sent to the council by 15 area Muslim groups describes the proposals as an attempt to "destabilize the divinely-inspired family unit".

It condemns the nature of sex education in schools attended by Muslims and demands the right to withdraw children from such lessons.

The organizations are planning to ask Christians and members of other faiths in the borough to join them in an "all faiths" campaign.

Mr Ibrahim Hewitt, of the groups, said: "There is very strong feeling about this in the Muslim community. Homo-

sexuality is forbidden in Islam. "Brent council says it wants sex education to get away from the stereotyped family unit. It says it regards gay and lesbian couples as families. We regard that as totally unacceptable."

The Muslims' resolution asks the council to say how the proposals will be implemented and demands details of books and teaching materials to be used.

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# Weatherill put back in chair

Mr Bernard Weatherill, who showed the traditional reluctance to take the chair, was overwhelmingly re-elected by a packed chamber as Speaker of the House of Commons. Backbenchers and leaders of the political parties spoke warmly of his occupancy of the chair. He has been Speaker since 1983.

A number of MPs, including Mr Weatherill, expressed their support for the televising of the Commons.

They were first summoned to the House of Lords by Black Rod to hear the reading of the Queen's commission for the assembly of the new Parliament. On their return, Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) first congratulated Sir Bernard Braine on becoming Father of the House (the MP with the longest continuous service) and then moved the motion that the Rt Hon Bernard Weatherill should take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

He said: We know how patient he can be and how impatient he can make him (Laughter). He also knows a fair bit about us and that is no doubt a great advantage to him.

He said that when Mr Weatherill first became Speaker he had promised to be faithful to the House and its members, to be faithful in seeking to achieve absolute impartiality and fairness and in protecting the rights of minorities as well as the majority. The House knew that



Mr Weatherill: Conscious of the high honour

he had discharged those promises right honourably.

"I can think of no one better to resume the Chair in this Parliament and I commend this motion to the House." (Cheers) Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab), seconding the motion, said that in all his long years in the House he had never knowingly agreed with a proposition especially favoured by Mr Onslow (Laughter). But he was happy on this occasion to make two exceptions.

First, he gladly joined Mr Onslow in congratulating Sir Bernard Braine. Secondly, he was also prepared now to agree with Mr Onslow in his remarks about Mr Weatherill, though he must acknowledge that, like some others, he had some suspicions of him before he was elected Speaker in 1983. "After all, he had served some

years in the whips' office and it is not always good that comes out of there (Laughter). My suspicions were enhanced when the proposition was made by an ex-chief whip on that (the Government) side and by a pairing whip on this (the Opposition) side. A put-up job, obviously. The 'usual channels' up to their usual tricks — (laughter) — but it was not like that at all."

Mr Weatherill had discharged his office in a way that brought honour to the House.

"That does not mean to say we agree with all his decisions, and I daresay some of his future decisions we will contest in the polite manner we always employ."

The Speakership was the very highest honour which the House of Commons itself could confer on one of its own members. It was higher, in some senses, than any other because it was the Speaker more than anybody else who embodied the very best traditions of the House and, in modern times, its democratic traditions.

Mr Weatherill said that nobody was more conscious than he of the high honour conferred on an MP chosen to be Speaker.

"I submit myself with great humility to the will of the House. If the great honour of the Speakership is conferred upon me I pledge myself anew to the service of Parliament and all its Members, irrespective of party, and I will strive to maintain at all times impartiality and fairness."

Sir Bernard Braine then put the motion that Mr Weatherill "take the chair of this House as Speaker". After this had been noisily approved, Mr Foot and Mr Onslow led Mr Weatherill to the Speaker's chair and he took over the proceedings from Sir Bernard.

Then followed tributes from the Prime Minister, Mr Kinnoch, Leader of the Opposition, Mr David Steel, for the Liberal/SDP Alliance, Mr James Molyneux and the Rev Ian Paisley, for the Unionists, Mr Dafydd Thomas, for the Welsh and Scottish Nationalists.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: We already know that in the heat of debate, that when the tempers of others may shorten yours will not. When in the excitement of a greatly contested issue others may draw you into taking sides you will remain resolutely impartial. Mr Kinnoch: Even a Speaker as sensitive to moods and as accommodating by nature as you cannot let everyone speak on the day that they want, at the time that they want or even in the debate that they want. (Laughter)

This House is grateful to you for your services and assistance in the past and wishes you well in your future period of office.

We trust that the future will never again find you in the unenviable position of having to deny to the House of Commons material which unknown to you had been widely and publicly available elsewhere.

# Havers takes over

In the House of Lords, Sir Michael Havers made his first appearance in the robes and full bottomed wig of Lord Chancellor, to read the order from Her Majesty the Queen establishing that "a certain Parliament be holden at our City of Westminster".

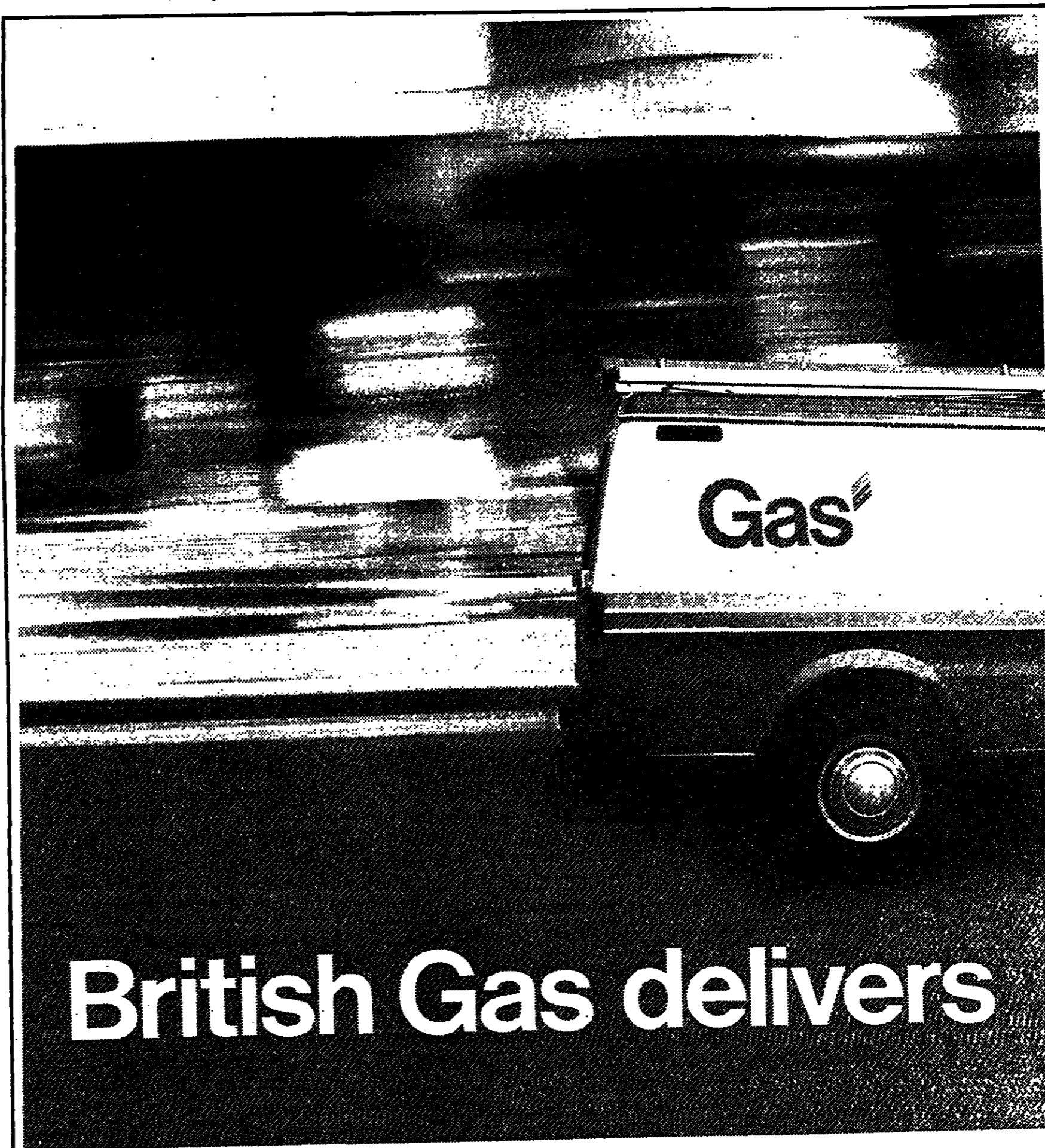
Sir Michael's unfamiliarity with the new costume led him to don his tricorne hat backwards. The righting of this error, following a whispered word in his ear from an alert usher, brought sympathetic cheers and smiles from the assembled benches of peers and bishops.

He read the order seated behind the Woolsack between members of the Royal Commission: Lady Secar, Leader of the

Liberal peers, Viscount White-law, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, Lord Aberdeen, Chairman of Committees and Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Labour peers.

At the bar of the House were Sir Bernard Braine, Father of the House of Commons in succession to Sir James Callaghan; Mrs Margaret Thatcher and members of her Cabinet, and Mr Neil Kinnoch and leading Opposition MPs.

At the conclusion of the ceremony and prayers, first to take the Oath of Allegiance was Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, followed by Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos and Lady Secar.



# British Gas delivers

Yesterday, British Gas announced its first annual results since it became a public company — and there's good news for shareholders and customers alike.

Good news for shareholders: Despite a massive fall in oil prices in 1986, which intensified competition in industrial and commercial markets, and reduced turnover, British Gas succeeded in improving its profits significantly.

Contributing to this considerable achievement were such factors as our success in controlling and reducing costs: a colder than normal year, which increased gas sales; and the inherent strength and integrated nature of the company. Not least, performance was helped by the positive and dedicated efforts of our employees — almost all of whom, incidentally, are now shareholders themselves.

### Results for Financial Year 1986/87

	£m	(down % on 1986)
Turnover	7610	(down 1% on 1986)
Operating Profit	1005 (CCA)	(up 46% on 1986)
Profit	1244 (HCA)	(up 24% on 1986)
Profit before Taxation	1062 (CCA)	
Earnings	575 (HCA)	
Earnings per Share	13.9p (CCA)	
Dividend (net)	10.4p	

The results and balance sheet shown in the above statement have been audited by the auditors appointed to the company. The auditors' report is published with the Annual Report and Accounts which will be sent to the shareholders of the company and distributed to shareholders in late July.

### Good news for customers

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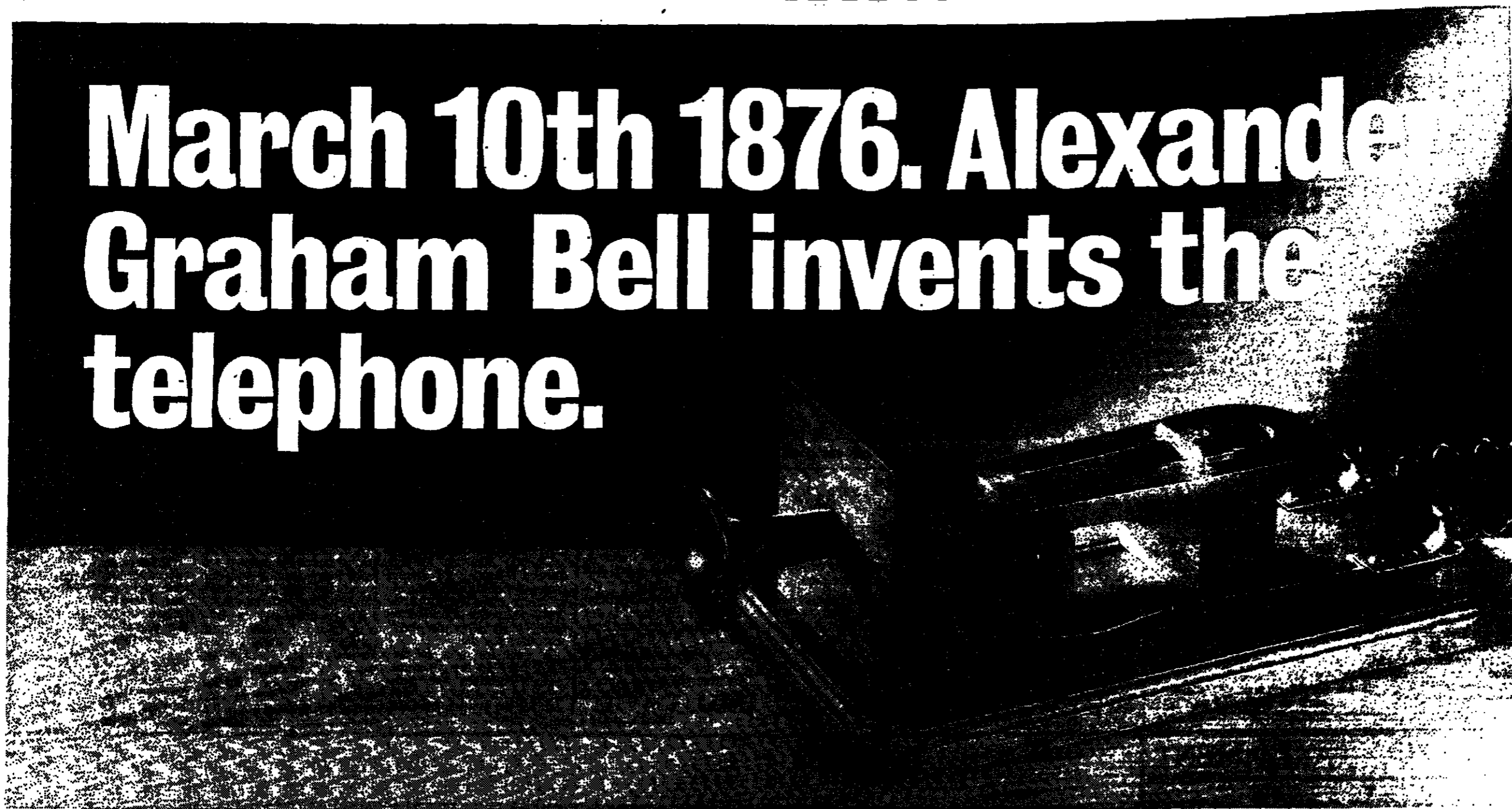
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Peking (AP) — Torrential rains and flooding in Shaanxi province have killed 132 people, bringing to 356 the number killed in rains in China since the beginning of May.

The hardest hit areas were Shanyang, Danfeng and Shangnan counties, where rains on June 4 and 6 swept away 264 villages and inundated the town of Manchuan.

Meanwhile, five new fires have been spotted in Inner Mongolia in virgin forests to the south of Daxinganling, where previous fires raged for almost a month.

Israel hits New ruler Shia bases in Sharjah

Sidon (AP) — Israeli bombers and helicopter gunships raided Shia Muslim and Palestinian guerrilla bases in south Lebanon yesterday while Israeli troops and their Christian militia allies shelled six Shia towns.

The raids raised the number of Israeli air strikes into Lebanon this year to 18 and followed mounting guerrilla attacks on Israel's self-designated "security zone"

India election clashes

Chandigarh (Reuters) — Eleven people were reported injured in clashes during state assembly elections in the north Indian state of Haryana yesterday.

Police fire Colombia at ambush

Dhaka (Reuters) — Nearly 100 students have been arrested after clashes with police and 1,700 expelled as the Bangladesh Government tries to stop a wave of cheating in college examinations that started last week.

Sex star's 'manifesto'

Rome (Reuters) — The Italian sex star Ilona Staller, left, better known as Cicciolina, says she will raise the issues of love, sensuality and nuclear power when she takes up her recently won parliamentary seat.

America will not budge on Bonn's Pershings

From Frederick Bonhart, Brussels

The United States will maintain its position on the exclusion of the 72 West German Pershing IA missiles from the intermediate nuclear force (INF) negotiations in Geneva.

At the same time US negotiators will press strongly for a complete elimination of all Soviet and American long-range INF weapons.

Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special arms control adviser, declared yesterday that the arrangement whereby the US controlled the nuclear warheads for the German-owned Pershing IA launchers was "a pattern of allied co-operation — and we don't propose to change that."

In an interview with The Times on Tuesday, Mr Viktor

Karpov, the chief Soviet arms control expert, had declared that the 72 warheads would have to be considered as part of an INF deal.

Mr Nitze pointed out the strong allied support at last week's meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Reykjavik for a complete "double zero" solution for both long-range and short-range INF (all weapons in the 300-3,000 mile category).

President Reagan had instructed the US negotiators at Geneva to press for such a solution, although he had agreed to the Soviet request at last year's summit meeting that 100 long-range INF warheads could be kept in Soviet Asia and 100 in the United States.

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Five shots in a subway that will echo for years

From Charles Bremner New York

For the city tabloids, it was a "triumph of common sense", but for black leaders it was a "return to the Dark Ages".

As the 39-year-old electrical engineer fled from publicity and New York commuters poured out their feelings to television news stars on subway platforms, it became clear that Mr Goetz's five pistol shots will be heard round the country for years to come.

Mr Goetz, a shy, bespectacled, white man, cut down the four unarmed black youths after one of them asked him for \$5 on an underground train in 1984.

For the jury and what seems to be a majority of the city's four million daily commuters, Mr Goetz was a victim rather than a hard-eyed avenger and his action expressed pent-up public anger over street crime and the sense of urban menace that stalks New York more than most cities.

In a statement Sheikh Sultan said: "Mistakes were made in planning our financial policy... Accordingly, serious damage has developed and debts have accumulated on our budget."

The new ruler immediately issued a decree to reorganise local government in Sharjah



Temper flaring in New York yesterday as sides were taken over acquittal of the subway vigilante, Mr Bernhard Goetz.

Legal experts said the Goetz case would set no technical precedent, but it gave a strong psychological boost to the law-and-order brigade.

Black community leaders denounced it as racist, many asking rhetorically what the public response would be to a black victim shooting a white mugger.

"This verdict is outrageous," said Ms Hazel Dukes,

It blamed the fact that "the criminal justice system no longer controls crime".

Voicing the views of the unabashed Goetz supporters, the mass-circulation New York Post called the verdict "a ringing affirmation of the values by which a free society lives".

The New York director for the NAACP, the main civil liberties organization.

Mr Edward Koch, the Mayor of New York, who supported the Goetz prosecution, warned would-be vigilantes that the verdict changed nothing and police would arrest any budding subway gunslingers.

The president of the borough of Manhattan, Mr David

public. The police are treating both claims with reserve.

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Gorbachov tightens grip on military with more sackings

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Further strong evidence emerged yesterday that the Kremlin is capitalizing on the severe embarrassment caused by the landing of a private plane in Red Square on May 28 to tighten its political control over the huge and ultra-conservative Soviet defence establishment.

The official armed services paper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star) carried an account of a recent meeting in which Mr Boris Yeltsin, the Moscow Communist Party chief and Politburo member, delivered scathing public criticism of the failure of the military to prevent the landing of the West German teenager, Herr Matthias Rust.

The article also disclosed that Marshal Anatoly Konstantinov, the former commander of the Moscow air defence district, had been removed from his post and four other senior officers expelled from the Communist Party — the normal preliminary to dismissal from their posts.

Western diplomatic sources said that the wording of the article indicated that the sackings had taken place before the landing of Herr Rust's Cessna Skyhawk in Red Square, although the criticism made clear that the incident was being used to strengthen political dominance over the military.

Mr Yeltsin, a close political ally of Mr Mikhail Gorb-

achov, told the meeting: "People in our labour collectives say: 'We would like the officers of the Soviet Army to look us in the eye and to explain how this could happen...'"

In one of the most outspoken criticisms yet made of the military by a politician, he accused commanders in the Moscow district of ignoring the Gorbachov reform programme.

He said training had suffered due to officers' inefficiency and bullying, leading to a lack of discipline and demoralization among the troops.

Addicted to old-style dictatorial leadership, the officers were told by Mr Yeltsin that they had lost touch with their men. The mistakes of years, he said, had led to a collapse of discipline and preparedness, to nepotism and protectionism.

In the wake of the plane affair Mr Gorbachov has ordered the dismissal of the veteran Defence Minister, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, and the dismissal of the overall commander of Soviet air de-

fences, Chief Marshal Aleksandr Koldunov. Further dismissals are confidently expected under the new Defence Minister, General Dmitry Yazov.

Yesterday's report suggested that the Moscow air defence Chief of Staff, Colonel-General Y. Gorkov, the local air force and radar commanders, as well as the military district's chief political officer, could also face sanctions as a result of the events of May 28.

The commanders already dismissed from the party were identified as Air Force Lieutenant-General N. Markov and Major-General V. Reznichenko, Army Major-General V. Brazhnikov and Colonel V. Yakubenko.

Meanwhile, the interrogation of Herr Rust was continuing at a military jail in a Moscow suburb.

His parents visited him for a second time yesterday before flying back to West Germany.

WASHINGTON: An American pilot took off for Moscow yesterday to commemorate a 1937 Soviet flight to the United States (Reuters reports).

"I want this flight to be one of my minor contributions to détente," Mr Millard Harmon, aged 63, said of his attempt to add to the 134 flight speed records he holds.

He expects a red-carpet reception when he arrives at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport today.

Police must return Tutu film

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African security police have been forced by the Supreme Court to return television film of a visit to Mozambique by Archbishop Desmond Tutu which they seized on Tuesday night, claiming they had reason to believe it contained subversive material.

The incident is seen as possibly indicating that Archbishop Tutu's previous appointment immunity from police action may now be at an end.

the judge said he could not accept that police had the right to deprive people of their property, on an opinion formed by a newspaper report.

Federal controls: South Africa imposed restrictions yesterday on imports of black victims of political unrest (Reuters reports). A special Government Gazette decreed that relatives must get police permission before a funeral for anyone killed in township violence or by police, and said no funeral may be held in the open

place on April 26 last year and resulted in the evacuation of 135,000 civilians, most of whom are unlikely to return to their homes.

Russia comes clean on extent of Chernobyl panic

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The Soviet Union has begun to admit for the first time at least some of the extent of the mass panic which was caused among tens of thousands of citizens in the wake of the world's worst nuclear accident, at Chernobyl in Ukraine 14 months ago.

The admission came in the latest edition of the weekly Argumenty i Fakti, not on sale to the general public, in which a leading radiation expert acknowledges that Soviet women sought abortions and that rickets, the vitamin-deficiency disease, spread because parents refused to feed their children milk which they feared was contaminated.

Until the publication of the article by Professor V. Knazhnikov, a member of the Soviet Health Ministry's national commission on radiological defence, the standard official reaction to Western reports of mass panic in the countryside had been to dismiss them as biased Western propaganda — especially those concerning the rush for abortions.

According to the professor, a new form of "radiation phobia" has developed since the explosion, which took

an Arab doctor who went to Kiev, 90 miles from the stricken plant, to treat an Egyptian student who was pregnant.

A Palestinian gynaecologist operating in clinics in the Ukrainian capital later confirmed to Western newsmen that large numbers of women had requested abortions in the weeks after the disaster.

The professor blamed a covering-up of official information as one of the main causes of the panic. "Silence and the absence of an objective and precise scientific evaluation in our press is not only contrary to the course of glasnost, but is very harmful," he stated.

"Our mass media have reported on cancer and other illnesses caused by radiation exposure among Japanese, Americans, Spaniards etc, but has refrained from reporting about the risk of these illnesses occurring among people living in contaminated areas in our own country."

He argued that Dr Robert Gale, the respected US bone-marrow transplant specialist who treated many of the worst-affected Chernobyl victims, had been incorrect when he told Soviet television viewers recently that over the next few decades between 5,000

Women had abortions late in pregnancy

result of lack of objective information and poor training of doctors in radiation medicine.

The professor then added in a crucial section of his article: "But this has meant that, in some places, women had dangerous abortions late on in their pregnancy. Parents were afraid of giving their children milk, believing that it was contaminated, as a result of which cases of rickets among children have been registered." Rickets, primarily caused by lack of vitamin D, causes softening of the bones.

The first intimation of the upsurge in demand for abortions among women, who feared their children would be born deformed, came from

Fear of contaminated milk spread rickets

sands of people in the Ukraine region that alcohol remains the best prevention and cure for radiation sickness.

As Western newsmen discovered when allowed on the first trip to Chernobyl earlier this month, many of the evacuees remain convinced that they should be taking a potent mixture of vodka mixed with the local wine.

Congress outflanked by defiant North

From Michael Binyon Washington

Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide at the centre of the Iran-Contra scandal, yesterday announced his refusal to give preliminary private testimony to the congressional investigating committees, effectively challenging them to sue him for contempt.

The outraged chairman and vice-chairman of the Senate committee yesterday said such a move could hold the proceedings up for at least a year, and may make it impossible to question Colonel North at all.

Senator Daniel Inouye, chairman of the Senate special investigating committee, said Colonel North's lawyer had raised "due process" objections to a private session with the investigating panels, saying Colonel North would tell his story only in public.

All the main witnesses so far have been carefully debriefed by committee lawyers, so that the lines of questioning and their evidence can be established.

Under the promise of partial immunity, which has just been granted, Colonel North is compelled to give evidence, and is due to do so some time next month.

Senator Warren Rudman speculated that his refusal to testify first in private was a deliberate attempt to goad Congress into suing him for contempt. The legal proceedings, together with appeals, could take so long that the special prosecutor, who is building a criminal case against Colonel North, would have to scrap the agreement with Congress to allow them to question Colonel North first.

The two senators denied that unrehearsed public testimony would make their job more difficult, saying Congress had many skilled lawyers. But it would take longer.

Separatism in Corsica Anti-terrorist shot after TV debate

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government vowed yesterday to step up its action against the Corsican separatists after the assassination of Dr Jean-Paul Lafay, aged 49, a leading opponent of independence and president of the Association of Aid for Victims of Terrorism in Corsica.

Dr Lafay, a veterinary surgeon and father of two children, was shot soon after midnight yesterday as he was leaving a television studio in Ajaccio, on the island's west coast, where he had taken part in a debate on separatist violence. Dr Max Simeoni, leader of the Union du Peuple

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US Gulf fleet ready to shoot first at any hint of 'hostile intent'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

US forces in the Gulf are now operating under "hair-trigger" rules of engagement, with crews often manning battle stations and prepared to shoot before they come under fire, says the Pentagon.

A declassified version of a report sent to Congress made it clear that Navy commanders were free to attack missile sites, aircraft and boats which use target-seeking radar or otherwise threaten American ships and planes.

"US ships or aircraft are authorized to defend themselves against an air or surface threat whenever hostile intent or a hostile act occurs", the report said. "Any aircraft or surface ship that manoeuvres into a position where it could fire a missile, drop a bomb, or use gunfire on a ship is demonstrating hostile intent."

The report said that even the act of focusing a radar on an American ship in a manner suggesting that a weapon was being pointed would be viewed as a sign of hostile intent.

The new rules of engagement for the eight ships in the Gulf came into effect shortly

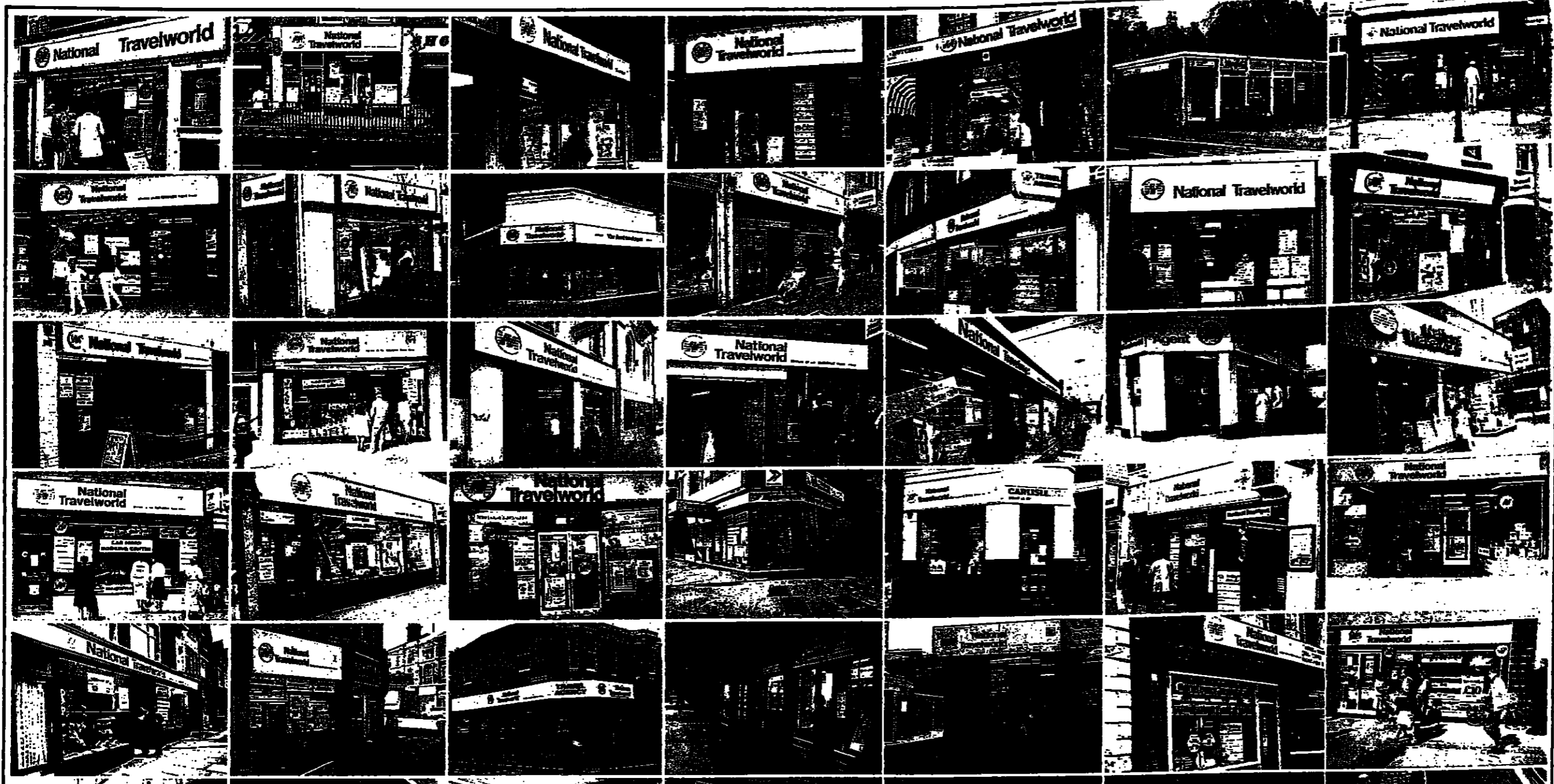
announced that a battleship may join the destroyers, frigates and cruiser in the area. The most likely ship would be the USS Missouri. Her huge 16-inch guns have the range to strike Iranian missile batteries on the shoreline without endangering the lives of any sailors. She also has such thick armour-plating that she would not suffer serious damage from missiles or mines.

ANKARA: Mr Mir Hussein Moussavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, yesterday left Turkey after a three-day visit which produced controversies on protocol instead of the hoped-for signs of a softening attitude to the Gulf war (Rasit Gardilek writes).

Mr Moussavi refused to include in his programme the traditional visit to the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish republic. Mr Moussavi said Tehran would welcome Turkey's mediation for an end to attacks on shipping in the Gulf, but doubted that Iraq would stop attacking commercial vessels. Mr Moussavi has cancelled plans to go on to Damascus, because the Syrian Prime Minister is ill.

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Drawings by Stephen Ward of the Royal Family, bought anonymously days before his suicide during the Profumo scandal, have been found after 24 years...

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Counterpoint

Not everyone who has noticed but New York painter Martin Wiener assures me that two paintings in the Tate's Rothko exhibition, which opened yesterday, have been hung upside down...

Tory lessons for Reagan

by Norman Podhoretz

New York Just as Margaret Thatcher wins her third consecutive term, so Ronald Reagan's presidency is foundering. The reason, paradoxically, may lie in the electoral arithmetic which at first glance seems to suggest that Reagan has been more successful than Thatcher, not less.

Reagan accomplished in 1984. Here, for example, is how a recent report of the Heritage Foundation describes that campaign: In 1984 Ronald Reagan ran for reelection against liberal forces that accused him of having had no summit meetings with Soviet leaders...

Yet the truth is that no real debate on these issues ever took place in 1984. Confronted with the liberal charges against him, Reagan neither stood his ground nor counter-attacked forcefully in the fashion of Margaret Thatcher.

and got one. Reagan wanted a landslide, and that is what he got. Perhaps he thought there was no contradiction between the two objectives. Perhaps he told himself that a landslide for Reagan was tantamount to a mandate for Reaganism.

As the Heritage Foundation report itself sorrowfully acknowledges, that is not what Reagan went on to do in his second term. What the report fails to recognize, however, is that his retreat from Reaganism began during the campaign, not after it was over.

sharply defined campaign. And it is the same hunger for approval that has guided him throughout his second term.

Thus in 1984 he said, or strongly suggested, that he meant to move not only toward new arms-control deals with the Soviet Union but toward a whole new relationship. In keeping that particular campaign promise he was again rewarded with high approval ratings.

Then came the Iran-Contra scandal, and his ratings plunged. Yet even in deciding to sell arms to Iran, which did more damage to his reputation than any other element of the affair, he seems to have thought that the credit he would get if the American hostages were thereby freed would far outweigh the blame he might incur for violating his own declared policies on terrorism and on Iran.

Now all he seems to care about is climbing back up in the polls — both those being taken now and those that he reportedly envisages being taken by posterity. The result is a second term less and less devoted to anything other than boosting his ratings and a presidency that stands in ever sharper contrast to the principled leadership that Mrs Thatcher, for all her personal unpopularity, has been able so effectively to wield.

The author is editor of Commentary.

Ronald Butt

Thatcher gets the message

One of Mrs Thatcher's idiosyncrasies is to give the appearance of resisting the point and then showing that she has taken it. This characteristic was particularly evident during the election. Before and during the campaign, health, unemployment and the state of the inner cities were clearly the Conservatives' vulnerable points.

Yet immediately after the election, one of her two principal cabinet changes was to bring in Mr John Moore as Secretary of State at the DHSS to look with a fresh mind at how the health service works. He should start from the proposition that the total amount of government money is not the principal question, since there could never be enough of it to cover potential demand.

The heart of the matter is the structure, managing and financing of the service, including the relationship between the hospitals and general practice. The government should even consider whether some kind of realistic insurance element could not be grafted on to aspects of the NHS, with the government paying the contributions of those who cannot pay for themselves.

One thing is certain. The problems of tired and overworked doctors and closed wards are not going to be ended simply by more money or by increasing the small number of patients on wholly private health insurance schemes. The overwhelming majority of citizens will remain dependent on the NHS, and would pay for a decent service if they knew their money was going directly to it.

Mrs Thatcher's extraordinary combination of pugnacious far-fetched aims and a remarkable flexibility and adaptability is a key to the future. She does not put things delicately.

Richard Heller

How to run a promotion

There are only two ways to win promotion. One is to survive your boss. That is now very rare. Today's typical boss is a non-smoking, weight-lifting, Perrier-drinking, vitamin-crunching, polysaturating, mega-crashing bore. You have no hope of surviving him/her unless there is a world lentil blight.

The only other way is to survive a promotion interview. That's where so many people go wrong. They knock over water jugs. Try not to do this. When you go to your promotion interview, take total control over the thing.

It stands to reason that you are superior to the interviewing panel. Do you suppose that the firm could spare three competent and valuable people for such an activity? Of course not.

But remember that being an interviewer may be a big experience for those little zeroes. Falter for one second and they will turn on you. So: as soon as you enter the room, let them know who's boss.

Of course, you will be faultlessly dressed... wrong. Wear any old clothes. Let them know that if you do not rate your Sunday best, if you must wear a decent suit then eat a boiled egg over it.

Walk boldly into the interview room. Smile, but not with your eyes, for a microsecond. Wait for the panel to ask you to sit down. But don't do it.

she lacks the gift for the precise phrase, which may be why the articulate classes, who like things to be summed up neatly, have shied away from her. During the campaign many Conservative MPs in marginal seats were alarmed by the number of Labour and Alliance posters in middle-class windows. Education, the health service and unemployment were on these people's minds. The great reservoir of Tory support is in the prospering working classes — Tory posters on council estates showed that — who understand quite well what Mrs Thatcher is getting at. But unemployment and health are on their minds too, and Mrs Thatcher has taken the point.

This combination of classless flexibility with a clear idea of the society which she wants to see will give Mrs Thatcher and a Tory Party without serious divisions the initiative in the next five years. The contrast with Labour is stark. Deeply though the voters felt about health and unemployment, they would not give power to Labour as it now is. Still less will they do so as Labour reveals its true nature in the new Commons.

Despite Labour's campaign of concealment, the electorate lived up to its general tradition of voting with historic inevitability. Voters understood the canker of dishonesty at the heart of the Labour rose. The complaint of the left that it was gagged during the election is justified. But Mr Livingstone and the new Parliamentary Labour Party will not stay gagged.

On election night Mr Bernie Grant complained that his Labour vote had fallen because of racism, and Livingstone said his had fallen because he had directed campaigning efforts to more marginal constituencies. Neither would accept that the voters' verdict on them was determined by their known beliefs. The left will now foolishly claim that Labour lost because it was not left enough.

Such is Labour's new composition that Mr Kinnock, Mr Hattersley and Mr John Smith cannot rebuild it in the minority image they have tried to sell. During the election Mr Kinnock told *The Times* that he could lead a Labour Party not fully committed to scrapping Trident. That is clear evidence of a willingness to lead the party by expediency, not principle. It also dooms him to failure, for his activists will never accept the kind of Labour Party the voters would support.

There is no future for the Labour Party. Yet because it has union money, its machine will keep grinding on, keeping a bedrock of constituencies. But the more Mr Livingstone and his friends crack the whip the more it must be a question how long the new moderate union leaders, exemplified by Eric Hammond and Bill Jordan, will continue to throw money away on a party so many of their members detest. If we knew whether they would withdraw their support for a party far more divorced from their real convictions than Mrs Thatcher's party is, we should know whether the ideas for which David Owen stands have a future.

Allan Massie on the challenge to Conservative rule in Scotland

Facing up to Doomsday

While his cabinet colleagues stride with glad confident step towards their offices, ready to resume interrupted work or embark on new tasks, Malcolm Rifkind might be excused if he stuck his head under a pillow and wished the world would go away. He will not, of course, do so, for he is a tough, adroit and combative politician, as well as an intelligent one.

But he is going to need all these qualities: if he had troubles before the election, he has them in spades now. Doomsday has arrived. The Tory triumph has been tarnished by the failure in Scotland, where the party lost 88,000 votes and 11 of its 21 seats.

Mr Rifkind has reason to feel aggrieved. On May 18 Peter Runciman, the president of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, told his fellow directors that "Scotland has emerged from the difficulties which followed the oil price shocks, and the downward spiral concealed by the floating exchange rates in the 1970s, as the most prosperous part of the United Kingdom after the favoured south-east of England"; and yet some 267,000 more Scots voted Labour last week than in 1983.

The immediate problem is one of an apparent loss of authority. Donald Dewar, Labour's shadow secretary, has proclaimed this, and Sir Russell Johnston, leader of the Scottish Liberal Party, has said: "The government must face up to the fact that it cannot simply go on as if nothing has happened."

Nor is Mr Rifkind helped by Alick Buchanan-Smith's disinclination to serve as his minister of state. Mr Buchanan-Smith, who is one of the most widely respected of Scottish MPs, may disagree more with his party's policies in Scotland than with their right to govern, but his return to the back benches still further weakens the government.

This is probably more important than the technical business of getting Scottish legislation through parliament. That can be eased by lightening the legislative burden (no bad thing) and by reducing the membership of the Scottish select committee from 30 to 9, and by drafting Scottish MPs representing English constituencies to the standing committee.

The response of both Labour and the Alliance to the Tory's predicament has been to press for "consultation". Co-operation, they have warned, will only be

forthcoming if the government is prepared to change its policy. In effect, they are claiming that the opposition parties should be granted a share in government. Quite clearly, the demand will not be conceded — though there may be some English Conservatives who would see it as a happy precedent for any future Labour government. After all, three of the last four Labour governments were imposed on England by Scottish and Welsh votes.

Both Labour and the Alliance seek action on devolution and the state of the economy, with particular reference to unemployment, while Labour also calls for more investment in housing and no privatization of electricity. Both demand that the community charge be abandoned.

This is certainly unpopular in prospect; its benefits have yet to be proved, and many fear they will suffer. The president of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, Ken Fagan, has said that the general election vote amounted to an overwhelming rejection of it.

Mr Rifkind does have the advantage that the community charge act is already on the statute book, although it is not due to be implemented until April 1989. He may, therefore, choose to sit this one out, aware that a similar tax will operate in England a year later, and that the opposition of the local authorities must wither

as the day approaches when they see no other means of obtaining that portion of their income which they collect themselves.

The extent of the demand for devolution is unknown. All the opposition parties support it (the SNP grudgingly), but we cannot really tell whether people voted for it on this account, or whether, as seems likely, they voted against Mrs Thatcher.

Evidence of opinion polls does not suggest more support for devolution now than in March 1979, when, in the referendum on the Scotland Act, there was a bare majority among those who voted, though insufficient to leap the 40 per cent hurdle inserted into the act by George Cunningham's amendment.

The situation is complicated further by the disunities that still exist within parties on the subject — there are, after all, Tory devolutionists, of whom Mr Buchanan-Smith is the most important — and by the disagreement as to the form and extent of devolution which any prolonged discussion would reveal.

Devolution seems inconceivable while Mrs Thatcher is prime minister. Nevertheless, there is no need for Mr Rifkind to reject it out of hand. Indeed, he is offered an opportunity to divert, divide and weaken the opposition. Labour looks likely to hand him one on a plate, if it introduces its draft home rule bill. This will contain

beneficiaries of contradictory swings in ideological orthodoxy. Nevertheless, there has recently been evidence of progress. *Izvestiya* announced that some of the restrictions on the USSR state archives were to be lifted. Bukharin, tried and executed in 1938 for opposing Stalin, has been mentioned in public and depicted not unsympathetically in a play. The subject of Trotsky has been aired, albeit fleetingly. A leading Soviet archivist has asked in the press how long Khrushchev can remain unmentioned. And a Soviet academic, Nikolai Shmyrov — ex-husband of Khrushchev's grand-daughter — has given the hitherto undisclosed statistic that a closed seminar) that 17 million people passed through Stalin's labour camps.

Two events later this year will show whether these developments herald a real change in official attitudes to the past or isolated probing in areas of ideological uncertainty. The first is the planned publication of a new history of the Soviet Communist Party; the second, on November 7, the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Each offers an opportunity for Gorbachev to fill in those blank pages he professes to abhor. They will be eagerly awaited.

It is a history which knows no Trotsky, Zinoviev or Bukharin, no Ukrainian famine, no show trials, no Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, no Tatar and German deportations, no secret speech and no gulag archipelago.

To dismantle this edifice and rebuild it with all the missing pieces constitutes a political risk for any Soviet leader. It is, none the less, a task which Gorbachev seems prepared to tackle to win back the intelligentsia.

For decades now, the discrepancy between experience and propaganda, between what was seen and what was heard, convinced many of the Soviet Union's best minds that there was no role for them outside their narrow area of specialization — and the further that was from day-to-day politics, the better. The freeing of Dr Sakharov last December was the first sign of a people like this that the leadership might want to hear their opinions; that the embargo on unpalatable truth might be coming to an end.

The co-operation of the academic establishment in filling in the blank spaces of history cannot, however, be guaranteed. Many historians made their names by helping to maintain the mythology. Some progressed by denouncing colleagues who were more scrupulous about the truth than they were. Others were chance



Now glasnost stirs the Kremlin dead

Successive Soviet leaders have sought to establish themselves in power by discrediting their predecessors, both before the Soviet people and before history. So far, Mikhail Gorbachev has been no exception. He has allowed all his predecessors, except the immortalized Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and Yuri Andropov (believed to have been a patron of his), to remain in the limbo occupied by non-persons.

He has even added to their number. The names of Leonid Brezhnev, whose demise began through Andropov's KGB run-moust-mill even before his death, and Gorbachev's own immediate predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko, that infirm proponent of ideological orthodoxy, are rarely heard in the Soviet Union today. Their two decades at the helm of the Soviet state have been dismissed as a period of economic and political stagnation; just another set of errors that have thwarted the otherwise inexorable progress of Soviet society.

Gorbachev has initiated, however, that this highly selective approach to the past might change. In several speeches over the past year he has said unambiguously that Soviet history must contain no blank pages. His call has been taken up — tentatively and usually behind closed doors — by some Soviet academ-

ics. Names and subjects unmentioned for decades have been heard again, if only in whispers.

Art and literature have taken the lead. Writers like Boris Pasternak and Marina Tsvetayeva, whose outlook was deemed too pessimistic for a society looking constantly towards the bright future of socialism, are now being published. Romantic and philosophical writers of the "Silver Age" whose work similarly failed to fit Soviet requirements are being quoted. Films made over the past 20 years but never shown are now being reconsidered. Some, like *Repentance*, about the less heroic aspects of Stalinism — the pervasive fear and intimidation — are receiving wide acclaim.

History, however, the plain academic study of the past, remains a highly sensitive area. Not only has historical truth been the chief victim of Soviet power, but every Soviet leader before now has relied for his authority on some part of the truth being suppressed.

The result is a mythology in which Stalin succeeded Lenin as his acclaimed heir; the collectivization of agriculture proceeded uncontested; the war was won by the heroic Soviet people under their great leader, Stalin; and Khrushchev saw out his allotted time span, and living standards constantly rose.

Mary Dejevsky







HEALTH

Family food and fitness

The 'average' family has been bombarded with information about exercise and diet over the past decade. But has it been absorbed? Victoria McKee profiles one family in the north, one in the south, to discover the secrets of their diets



In the swim: they all feel fit and they all take moderate exercise



Real food, (real ale for the father) but no more weekend fry-ups

The Badrick family lives in suburban Surrey, in a detached, three-bedroomed, Tudor-style house. Adele does not work outside the home and laughingly calls herself "a bored housewife". Her husband, Keith, is manager of computer projects for a major oil company. They have two children, Luke and Ruth. Ruth is a successful child model, goes to play-school two mornings a week and takes ballet and tap dancing lessons. Luke attends a private school where he does judo and swimming and plays tennis. He also swims weekly with his father.

ADELE: 37, 5ft 6in, 8st Breakfast: One boiled egg, slice wholemeal toast, tea with milk. Mid-morning snack: Coffee with milk and sugar, biscuits or bread bun. Lunch: 2 slices of wholemeal bread and cheese with salad cream, apple, cup of tea with milk, jam doughnut, apple turnover. In the car: 4oz bag of Liquorice Allsorts, shared with Ruth. Afternoon: Cup of decaffeinated coffee with milk and sugar. Dinner: 4oz lean steak mince, with onions, tomatoes and peppers, 2oz wholemeal pasta, fresh orange juice, large bowl of non-dairy ice-cream. Cup of tea with milk. Before Bed: Cup of soup. KEITH: 37, 6ft 1in, 12½st Breakfast: 2 slices wholemeal toast with butter, cup of tea with sugar. Lunch (at work): Sandwich on wholemeal bread with butter, apple, cup of coffee with milk and sugar, small pack salted peanuts. Afternoon: Cup of coffee with milk and sugar. Dinner: 4oz steak mince (as above), fresh pineapple juice. Apple pie with 2 scoops non-dairy ice-cream, cup of coffee with milk and sugar. Before bed: Cup of soup. LUKE: 8½, 4ft, 4½st Breakfast: Muesli, ½ cup whole milk. Snack (school): God and chips, frozen peas, sweetcorn, carrots. Tinned peaches. Tea (at friend's house): 2 fried fish fingers, 2 slices white bread and butter, cake, apple, fresh pineapple juice. Before bed: Maybe a choc-ice. RUTH: 4½, 2½st Breakfast: Weetabix (1½), 1 spoonful honey, ½ cup whole milk, glass of fresh pineapple juice. Snack: Plain biscuit and ½ cup milk or juice. Lunch: Whole portion of boil-in-the-bag cod in parsley sauce, 2 small new potatoes (skins on), 2 carrots, apple, fruit yoghurt. Afternoon: Shared Liquorice Allsorts, fresh orange juice. Tea: 2 slices wholemeal bread and cheese, salad cream, apple and ½ cup of milk. Before bed: No snacks.

PAMELA: 34, 5ft 1½in, 7½st Breakfast: Cereal, cup of tea with milk. Mid-morning: Cup of tea with milk. Lunch: Wholemeal bread sandwich, butter, 2oz tuna, lettuce, tomato, watercress, cup of tea with milk, orange. Afternoon: Nothing. Dinner: Spaghetti bolognese (lean minced beef, onions, Parmesan, celery, carrots, tomatoes), scoop dairy ice-cream, slice of watermelon. 2 glasses of red wine. Before bed: Cup of tea with milk. ROGER: 37, 6ft, 12½st Breakfast: 2 cups percolated coffee with milk. Mid-morning: Cup of tea at work with milk. Lunch (at work): 2 wholemeal rolls, butter, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, 1oz cheese, 2 cream crackers, butter, apple. Coffee with milk. Afternoon: Tea with milk. Dinner: As above if home, with 2 or 3 glasses of wine. Before bed: Perhaps 1 pint home-brewed beer, peanuts. MATTHEW: 8, 4ft, 4½st Breakfast: 2 Weetabix, sugar, ½ cup milk, tea with milk and sugar. Mid-morning (school): Fresh orange or apple juice. Lunch: Wholemeal sandwich, garlic sausage, butter, pieces of smoked cheese, cereal snack bar, crisps, banana. Afternoon: Fruit juice, biscuit or Kit Kat. Evening meal: Spaghetti bolognese, ½ cup milk, one scoop dairy ice-cream and watermelon. Before bed: No snack. JESSICA: 4, 3ft 4in, 2½st Breakfast: Weetabix (1½), ½ cup milk, sugar, fresh orange or apple juice, toasted finger roll, margarine. Mid-morning (school): Glass of synthetic orange squash. Lunch: Wholemeal corned beef sandwich, butter, smoked cheese, cereal bar, packet of crisps, apple, orange juice. After school: Same as Matthew. Evening meal: Spaghetti bolognese, ½ cup milk, scoop dairy ice-cream, small slice watermelon. Before bed: No snacks.

All are naturally slim and do not worry about their weight, but Adele has recently begun to heed health warnings. She buys wholemeal bread, sees that the children limit their intake of sweets and ensures that everybody eats fresh fruit and vegetables and wholegrain cereals daily. She estimates that she spends about £75 a week on the family's grocery shopping - £50 at the weekend and £25 during the week - and admits: "At weekends I tend to munch crisps or peanuts when I watch television. If we've had a big lunch I may just have grilled kebabs for dinner, but I give Keith potatoes and vegetables with his."

THE EXPERT'S COMMENTS

Professor Clyde Williams, Professor of Sports Medicine at Loughborough University, observes that although the Badricks look slim, it is impossible to gauge what their all-important ratio of fat to lean bodyweight is. "A person can appear to be slim but actually contain a high proportion of fat to lean muscle tissue. The bathroom scales are poor indicators of fitness, and genetically lean people can actually carry a great deal of fat without it being apparent. "Keith Badrick is heading for danger if he was an athlete and is now a fairly sedentary smoker. His smoking and his lack of exercise outweigh any plus points from his past. "Adele Badrick is actually doing much better, because she is now exercising twice a week. Three times would be better, but she's on the right track. "The children seem to be getting enough activity at school; their diet seems quite adequate, although I know the nutritionists could pick holes in it - and you can over-eat on healthy foods, too. "In the case of the Davenport-Roger is excellent, although it would be better if all his activity were not crammed into the weekend. The same is true with Pamela. And a man and woman shouldn't run together because the woman tends to be over-exerted and the man under. "The children are getting enough exercise and, if Matthew takes his medication for asthma, he should be able to continue playing football. Swimming is excellent training for an asthmatic child. "A balanced diet and a modicum of exercise is best and, funnily enough, there tends to be an inverse relationship between the amount of food you eat and the amount of exercise you do. The amount of exercise you would have to do to counter a bad diet is extreme."

Roger Davenport works as general manager of a hospital in Cheshire; the family moved from Bury, Lancashire, a couple of years ago. They live in a modern three-bedroomed semi. Every Sunday, Roger and Pamela go to church. Pamela is a model and a professional hairdresser and has been modelling for the last 10 years. "Since being in the fashion industry, I became fashionable. Now he has his wife, Pamela, and about two miles together at the weekend. "Pamela was very athletic at school; playing hockey and taking part in cross-country running, and feels she is no longer getting as much exercise as she should be. As a former dental assistant, she has been aware of the evils of sugar for years. "Neither of my two children has any fillings in their teeth," she says proudly. She and Roger both wear glasses occasionally. - Pamela for reading and watching television. Roger just recently for distances. Roger has hay fever and Pamela is allergic to strawberries, which the rest of the family adore, but neither has had any serious illnesses. Their son, Matthew, has just been told that he suffers from asthma - a condition he noticed when he started getting breathless during the school holidays. Roger has always done all the family's shopping, because he enjoys it. He is keen on "real food" as well as real ale. "We eat only fresh foods at the weekend, although during the week because of the time factor, we do rely on convenience foods." They watch their weight and have forsaken their weekend breakfast fry-ups. Roger estimates that the family spends £50 a week on food, excluding drink and eating out.

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In search of healing

To become, in the winter of my days, a wise-old woman acquainted with the healing arts, has always seemed to me to be a desirable goal. American Indians believe that you don't begin to be old enough to be a medicine man until the age of 65, and not don't really become good at it until the age of 81. With this long-term view in mind, I wanted to discover how healing works, if anyone could learn to do it, and if the latent stirrings I felt in my own hands could be developed into useful skills as I got older.

SECOND OPINION



Allegra Taylor

The problem for the novice seeker is the confusing multiplicity of paths to choose from. I was raised with a fairly "stuff and nonsense" approach to the occult, and as a sensible British mother of grown-up children I tended to regard the alternative lifestyle and spiritual growth movements with a degree of scepticism. In order to make any progress, I felt I needed to make myself receptive to quite startling new ideas while trying to hold on to my critical faculties, my relative sanity, and (most importantly) my sense of humour. The first thing was to make allowances for the deeply off-putting jargon that bedevils the alternative healing fringe. Our language does not adequately describe mystical experiences or unexplainable occurrences, and not being poets, most healers get awfully bogged down in gushing purple waterfalls and crystal rainbow-type similes. My quest took the form of a journey around the world to look for some different cultural manifestations of the healing encounter, and to see if they shared any common ground. I saw some remarkable things, in eastern Kenya, a traditional doctor who dis-

garded with immense suspicion; if not derision, by august bodies such as the British Medical Association. It is true that a lot of what we call intuition is just a hair's breadth away from self-delusion and fantasy, so it is important to keep one's powers of judgement alert; but I think you have to be able to take risks and keep on reinforcing your intuition with more and more experience. This is for healers and patients alike. Although not impossible, cases of crutches throwing away their crutches and running down the aisle are extremely rare. A healer is not a failure if the instantaneous cure is not forthcoming, because healing is not necessarily synonymous with cure. As Rosalyn Bruyere, an American healer, says: "This is not to diminish the miracle of healing. A disease of a damaged person, not just a damaged part. The rest of the miracle is the taking of personal responsibility on the part of the patient - a commitment to change." A healer is there to help create the space in which that dynamic change can take place. Of course there is a risk of charlatanism and exploitation, but there are plenty of useless doctors around as well. Respectability has never been a guarantee of competence. To me, the continuous thread that wove together all the good healers I met was their sincerity of purpose - a quality of wholeheartedness. There is a wonderful simplicity about healing. It is lovely to both give and receive, and I believe anyone can do it. I Fly Out With Bright Feathers by Allegra Taylor (Collins/Feminist, £10.95 hardback, £3.95 paperback) is published tomorrow.

Secrets from the womb

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Between 2 and 3 per cent of pregnant women undergo amniocentesis, which can now identify 45 different metabolic disorders in the foetus. Many women, however, wonder whether the benefits outweigh the risks: a recent review in Update may help them resolve the dilemma. A baby in the uterus lives in a fluid-filled amniotic sac, rather like a fairground goldfish in a plastic bag. For 50 years doctors have been drawing off the liquor, a process known as amniocentesis, to study the baby's biochemistry; and since 1967 the chromosomal make-up of cells shed into the liquor has been analysed in order to make an antenatal diagnosis of Down's syndrome and other chromosomal abnormalities. The review, by Mr John Giles and Dr Malcolm Nye, of the Royal Free Hospital, London, gives six factors (including advanced maternal age) which increase the likelihood of having a child with chromosomal abnormalities; they believe that amniocentesis, which carries a very small risk to the mother in cases of rhesus incompatibility, and the greater hazards of inducing a spontaneous abortion or of injury to the child, is none the less worthwhile. The operation itself is carried out at about the 16th or 17th week under ultrasound surveillance so that the needle can be inserted into a clearly seen pool of liquor, well away from the placenta.

Soothed gullets Beating the bugs

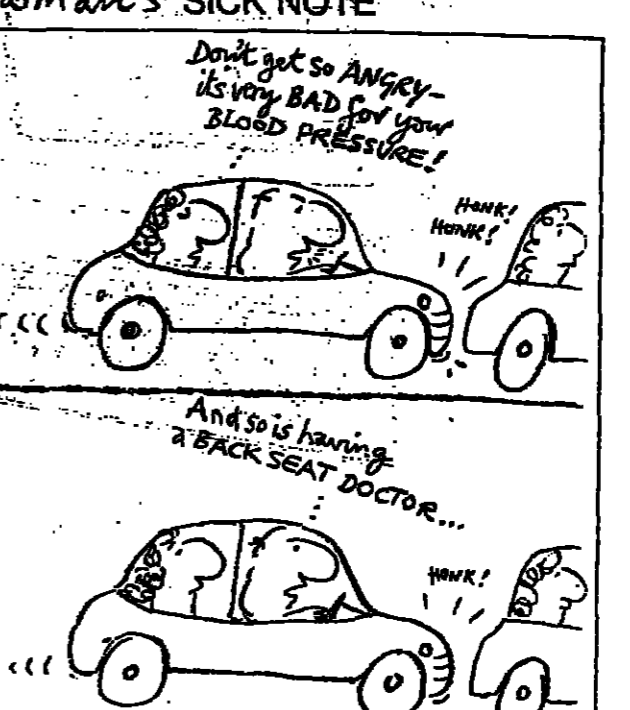
After their performances in Phantom of the Opera, Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman can compare notes on hospital life: after complaining of indigestion, both have recently been in-patients. Crawford for investigation and treatment of severe oesophagitis, the result of an hiatus hernia, and Miss Brightman for surgery for a persistent duodenal ulcer. In the event of relapse they will be encouraged to learn that a new drug, omeprazole, made by Astra, is apparently more efficient than the H2 antagonist Zantac and Tagamet in suppressing the symptoms of peptic ulceration. Trials were discontinued for a time because of untoward effects in rats, but experiments show that similar troubles are unlikely to affect humans and omeprazole is again being used. Dr Karna Bardhan, of Rotherham District General Hospital, told The Times that after eight weeks of treatment with omeprazole, patients in whom oesophagitis had produced a raw, red bleeding gullet, had a positive lining.

There is evidence to suggest that when the surgeon decides to do a vaginal hysterectomy, pre-operative antibiotics reduce infection, but if the infection is already present, antibiotics do not help. In a study of 100 women, the use of antibiotics before surgery reduced the risk of infection, but if the infection was already present, antibiotics did not help. In a study of 100 women, the use of antibiotics before surgery reduced the risk of infection, but if the infection was already present, antibiotics did not help.

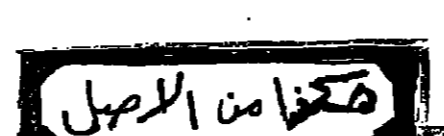
The right pill for the kissing disease

Women with liver disease are normally advised to avoid alcohol, but a new study suggests that a low-dose progesterone pill combined with a barrier method is a possible alternative. Glandular fever, caused by one of the herpes group of diseases, the Epstein Barr virus, is spread by the oral respiratory route, especially through saliva, hence its description as the kissing disease. Typically the disease follows a 21-day incubation period, followed by a 2-3 week sore throat, enlarged glands and, in 50 per cent of cases, a large swollen liver. In most cases the liver is enlarged in 20 per cent of cases and in 5 per cent there is obvious jaundice. It is usually to the doctor's query, "Mr James Owen, 35, senior lecturer in gynaecology at Leicester University, recommends that women should use another method so long as liver function tests are abnormal. A low-dose progesterone pill combined with a barrier method is a possible alternative. Dr Thomas Stuttford

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SPECTRUM 2

In his new Cabinet post, can Mrs Thatcher's blue-eyed boy prove he has more than just the right looks for party leadership?

# Thatcherism's clean-cut face

Even the few enemies of John Moore, the new Secretary of State for Social Services, and thus the man to carry the Thatcherite banner emblazoned "Caring" into the next five years, do not deny that he is personable and photogenic in the manner of his first political idol, John F. Kennedy.

Those few enemies, naturally, are bound to increase now that his current political guru, Margaret Thatcher, has moved him into a position where phrases like "the next PM but one" are as likely to appear on betting slips as in newspaper profiles.

Even the friends of a man whose strides from Tory student leader to Cabinet rank have been without apparent stumble, are aware that those smooth good looks, so important in his preferment, must now be proved to be more than gift-wrapping on an empty package. "People go on about John's blue eyes: now they will learn to talk about his grey matter," said a friend, stoutly.

Another Westminster gossip, less friendly, expressed the thought a different way: "Perched up in a high place, preening is an OK occupation for a bored budgeter. I am not sure he has ever shown the decision for the very top."

All this talk of looks is not an irrelevance. Like the rehabilitated Cecil Parkinson, the redesigned Neil Kinnock, or the realigning David Owen, Moore came to the attention of party managers because of his telegency: no one now can seriously aspire to high office who has obvious warts, or an inability to swap badinage with Wogan.

## THE TIMES PROFILE

JOHN MOORE

John Moore, resting briefly at the close of his second day in office, said he was "increasingly irritated by discussion about how I look: it gives me a sudden insight into how it must feel to be a bright woman who is constantly complimented on her sexy legs. Luckily I don't take it in the least bit seriously."

Then: "But that does not mean I am unaware of the importance of a telegenic image. I voted against the televising of Parliament because I recognized its possible impact. It would not be professional not to be aware of the importance of how one appears."

Image, of course, is also part of the armoury of leadership, and since 1984 commentators have been promoting his name as a future Tory leader: an opinion he shared? "I have read such things, and they make me feel odd. I don't really know how to react. I had wished instead people had concentrated on what I was doing at the time. One may fall under a bus, so the thing is to live every day to the full."

Then: "Sorry, that all sounds a bit puritan. Every politician must wonder what he could do, given opportunity. To be here and not be interested in power and the uses of power would be really very foolish."

In both those answers it seemed that an innate honesty struggled with a politician's acquired evasiveness, and won: he appeared a sounder

man as a result. As another of his friends said: "John will do awfully well, because he has no illusions about himself, but is good with what comes to hand, with what he has got."

Like a huge physical drive. At his previous departments, Energy, the Treasury and Transport, he tended to arrive at his desk at 7am. ("Yes, and didn't he go on about it," said a parliamentarian. "You couldn't meet him in the evening without him yawning and casually mentioning what time he had got up, as though, being unsure, he wanted to impress with his stamina.")

Thus he arrived at his new office, looming above the Elephant and Castle, at a run on Monday morning around seven, and left stricken DHSS aides in his wake as he shot through his own imposed schedule of meetings, each timed to the second. "It's my way. Don't need much sleep. I am up at 5.30. If you don't get bored you don't get tired."

Looking down on the dreary inner-city sprawl which represents his greatest political test, Moore would not be trapped into a word about how he intends to proceed: "I have too much to find out. Where are the locks and rapids on this torrent? Until I have heard a lot more, read a great deal, I will not spout about what is intended."

But it was significant surely that, in her speech at the moment of victory, Mrs

Thatcher had spoken of the need for caring for those who appeared to have been left out of the new prosperity? Yes indeed, said Moore, but it was not that some had been left out because of unfair sharing of that wealth, rather that the earning of that wealth had barely begun.

"I am now 49. All my adult life we have been a nation in decline, and all the talk has been about the reasons for that decline and the envy and distress it caused. She has led us through a radical turn-about. At last we are going up. But we have not done anything yet but make a beginning. That is why this is such an exciting time."

As minister responsible for health, would he be demanding his share of that wealth? "That implies that spending is the only answer. We already spend £66 billion on health: the nation wants us to care, but care effectively. The health service is really a huge success story."

There was not going to be time to talk Moore through his life and career thus far: the son of a bench-hand, he was educated at the Licensed Victuallers School, enjoyed National Service distinction in the Korean war, was a prominent Tory student at LSE, went to America as a financial analyst, fell under the Kennedy spell and became a Democrat precinct captain — in Chicago.

He returned to Britain with an American wife, Sheila, robustly ambitious for her husband in the American manner: when Margaret Thatcher mentioned that she was collecting books for a political shelf at her office, a work by Sheila Moore on the



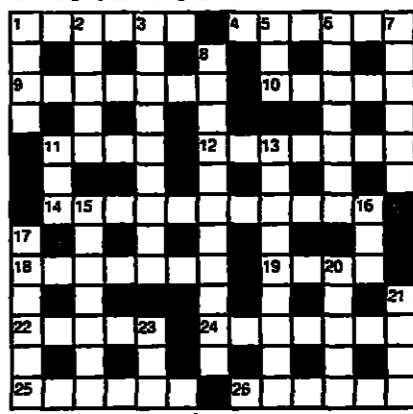
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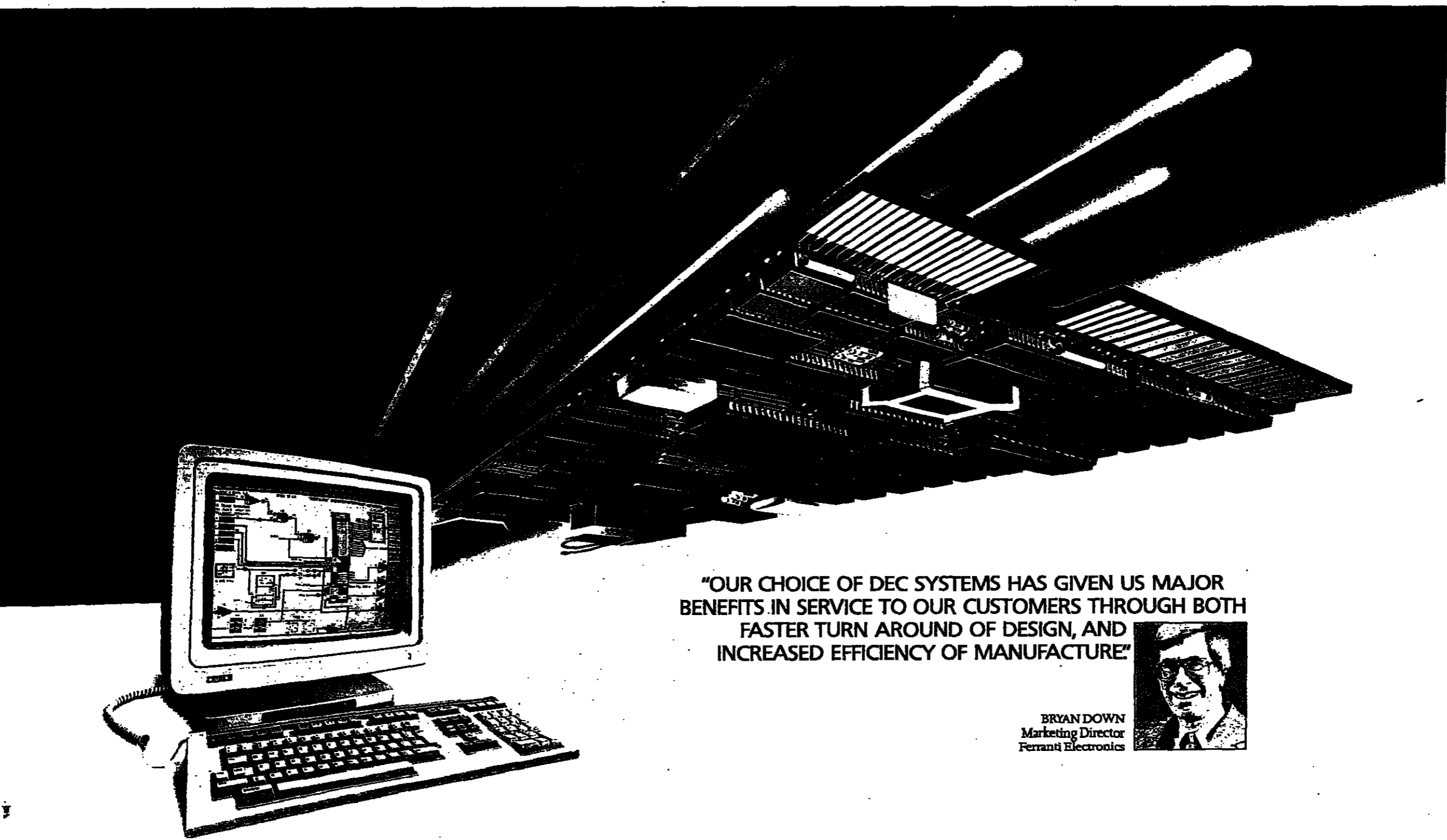
- 1937: Born, November 26. Educated Licensed Victuallers School, Slough, and London School of Economics (President, Students Union).
- 1955-57: National Service, Korea.
- 1962: Banking and stockbroking, Chicago. Married Sheila Tillotson, two sons, one daughter.
- 1968: Managing director, Dean Witter International, UK.
- 1974: MP for Croydon Central.
- 1975: Vice-chairman, Conservative Party.
- 1979: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy.
- 1983: Economic, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury.
- 1985: Secretary of State for Transport.
- 1987: Secretary of State for Social Services.

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WINDSOR CASTLE June 17: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

KENSINGTON PALACE June 17: The Duke of Gloucester this evening opened the Northumberland Range at Dudley Castle, West Midlands.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE June 17: The Duchess of York today visited St Francis School for Handicapped Children, Rhineclanden, West Germany.

Birthdays today Mr Michael Blakemore, freelance director, 59; Lord Broughshane, 84; Mr Ian Carmichael, actor, 67; Dr G.M. Carstairs, former vice-chancellor, York University, 71; Lord Cushing, 71; Major Leonard Dent, 95; Mr Carl de Winter, former secretary general, Federation of British Artists, 53; Mr Paul Eddington, actor, 60; Miss Patricia Hutchinson, diplomat, 61; Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Kenny, 53; Sir Dennis Landau, chief executive, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 60; Mr Paul McCartney, former Beatle, 45; Sir Brian Marick, diplomat, 79; the Duke of Portland, 90; Mr Llewellyn Rees, actor and theatre administrator, 86; Miss Della Smith, cookery expert, 46; Miss Marjorie Westbury, singer and actress, 82.

Anniversaries Births: Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, Dublin, 1769. Deaths: William Coombe, poet, London, 1823; William Cobbett, politician and writer, Guildford, 1835; Samuel Butler, author of The Way of All Flesh, London, 1902; Roald Amundsen, polar explorer, lost in flight over the Arctic Ocean, 1928; Ethel Barrymore, actress, Hollywood, 1959. Battle of Waterloo, 1815.

Today's royal engagements The Princess Royal, President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a council meeting and luncheon at "Sovereign" Hall at 11.00.

Service Dinner 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) Colonel M. ff Woodhead, Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Service Reception 151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment, RCT (V) Lieutenant-Colonel I.W.B. McRobbie and Officers of 151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (V), held their annual cocktail party at Regent's Park Barracks last night.

Receptions Lord Nugent of Guildford entertained Mr Hugh Fish, Chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council, at a reception at the House of Lords yesterday to mark the European Year of the Environment.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Lord Goff of Chieveley, President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, accompanied by Lady Goff, received the guests at a reception held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel.

Dinners HM Government Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Lady Howe and Cabinet Ministers were hosts yesterday evening at a dinner held in the Dining Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to celebrate the Queen's Official Birthday.

Faculty of Anaesthetists At a dinner held in conjunction with the annual diploma ceremony, held at the Royal College of Surgeons, last night, Dr Aileen K. Adams, Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, was in the chair.

Harvelian Society of London Mr Tom Bates, President of the Harvelian Society of London, presided at the annual Buckton Browne-Gray Hill dinner held last night at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Sale room Eastern promise fulfilled

An ivory carving 3 1/2 inches high, of the Japanese mythical beast called a baku, was sold for £110,000 (estimate £50,000-£70,000) at Sotheby's yesterday, setting a new auction record for a netsuke.



Lieutenant Annabel Hyde, aged 22, who has become the first woman to serve in a Guards battalion, with lieutenants at her new posting in Hong Kong.

Schools announcements

St John's School, Leatherhead St John's School, Leatherhead, has awarded the following Scholarships: Major Scholarship: M. L. Jones, Edward Downes, Leatherhead; J. J. King, Leatherhead; J. J. King, Leatherhead; J. J. King, Leatherhead.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.K.D. Corsar and Miss F.C. Marshall The engagement is announced between George Kenneth Drummond, elder son of Colonel and the Hon Mrs C.H.K. Corsar, 11 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, and Fiona Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L.C.O. Marshall, 35 Belgrave Road, Edinburgh.

OBITUARY SIR EDOUARD GRUNDY 'The Battle of the Beams'



Air Marshal Sir Edouard (Bill) Grundy, CBE, CB, electronics specialist, who died on June 15 at the age of 78, led the "beam benders" team which, during the Blitz, played havoc with the guidance systems of German bombers and caused many to drop their loads away from their targets.

the Royal Norwegian Air Force, was deputy chief signals officer at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE). For his work in Norway, where he helped to rebuild the country's airforce, he was later made Chevalier of the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olaf.

University news

Cambridge Elected into research fellowships at Darwin College from October 1: Jacqueline M. McGlade, PhD, Adrian J. G. Cook, PhD, and others.

Science report

Trees identified as sources of fuel oil The increasing cost of finding and extracting mineral oil, together with the knowledge that its supply is not infinite, has prompted scientists to look for renewable fuel resources.

MR ROBERT McDOWALL

Mr Robert (Robin) McDowall, CBE, FSA, who died on June 8 at the age of 73, was a devoted and lifelong servant of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).

PROFESSOR WALTER HELLER

Professor Walter Heller, economic adviser to President Kennedy and advocate of the "new economics" of the 1960s, died on June 15. He was 71.

ELIZABETH HARTMAN

Elizabeth Hartman, the American film actress who often played sensitive and vulnerable characters, has died at the age of 45.

Advertisement for Budget Rent a Car featuring a Ford XR3i car and the slogan 'BIG THRILLS SMALL BILLS.' It includes contact information and a note about fuel-injected engines.







THE ARTS

Custom built

Old ways were under fire last night. Disappearing World (TV) looked at how what the Lau of Malaita call their life of customs has been undermined by "sakula", a word covering a multitude of sins, education, Christianity and technology.

TELEVISION

alone a glimpse of rubber, would have provoked outrage, but the French rugby selectors have long ensured that those singular syllables have been broadcast with impunity.

More disturbing was the loss of John Sessions as the bedder-obsessed swot Zipser. Sessions is a bit and miss performer, ranging from a brilliant new games to the wild air-shot, but here was a more measured, addictive if less virtuous performer.

Of course "sakula" could be blamed for the lad's untimely demise. His most un-Porterhousean scholarship had left him ignorant of the ways of the flesh, the chaplain had recommended "protectors" in the first place, and the gas-pipe had provided the technological means for their deadly inflation.

No doubt Porterhouse's "men of custom", led by the redoubtable Skullion, would have the sympathy of the more traditional Lau, who too segregate the sexes in their daily lives. Missionaries have been messing things up, however. Some of the women even prefer Christian comforts after giving birth after the customary sitting on a rock for 30 days.

A video man has further confused things by exposing traditional dancers to the gyrations of John Travolta in Grease. But, as Sir Cathcart showed in Porterhouse with his wooing of the television personality Carrington, modern media are not always the enemy of tradition. The cameras prompted the Lau to build a house dedicated to their old culture, to be completed with the tape of Granada's programme about them.

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Bowie: "I think it's the nearest I can get to performance art"

How Ziggy fell to earth

David Bowie's latest world tour comes to Britain tomorrow, playing two nights at Wembley Stadium: interview by Bryan Appleyard

From the gloomy hallway of a suite on the ninth floor of the Rotterdam Hilton, a hand is proffered. "Er... hello... David Bowie." Coming from one of the world's most instantly recognizable figures - skeletally thin, tight black Levi's, grey suede loafers, a massive blond cockade and a mysterious bruise under his right eye - the introduction hardly seems necessary.

Bowie, if you believe the Press cuttings, has been through quite a few self-transformations in his time. There was David Jones, the schoolboy not-quite-star, followed rapidly by Ziggy Stardust, the preened and perfect being from another planet.

"I think I'm pretty straightforward. The ever-changing David Bowie and all that, it's just an easy tag to put on me. It's just a lazy way of writing about me. I just like changing the staging every time I go out. I was quite poppy at the start, then I started getting quite arty. Now I think I'm somewhere between the two."

The products of this phase are an album - *Never Let Me Down* - and a world tour which comes to Britain with two concerts at Wembley Stadium tomorrow and on Saturday. On the day we met, he had just had first confirmation that he will be able to take his show to the Soviet Union. It will be, he says, the tour he has never been able to finance before. Sponsor-

ship from Pepsi Cola has been "a splash in the ocean" of its total cost, which runs into "millions... millions" and which he claims has come largely out of his own pocket.

As for the new style, he starts to explain: "Quite new... extraordinary... a degree of physicality". Abandoning the attempt, he rushes over to a video and plays a sequence from rehearsals in New York. This shows Bowie being ballistically mugged by a group of burly dancers and it explains the facial bruise as well as others on his arms and chest.

"This show is utterly relentless. There are minimal pieces in it though. But I think it's the nearest I can get to performance art. I wanted to bring in disparate styles of dancing and a European style of theatre - something you don't often see in rock."

"Actually, when I start to get analytical about my work, it's quite hard to find it. I guess I try and process what I read about or see on television along with my own experiences of life. I may be becoming more socially aware, but I don't think I've ever become a shaker and a changer of what's happening."

"I guess, even though I'm trying to become more didactic, ha ha ha" - the laugh is mangled and ironic - "I don't feel that that is what I am good at doing. I think what I do is put together an impression of how we see society through quite unconnected incidents and points of view. A lot of it comes from dream states in this show. A psychiatrist would have a heyday with what I do on stage in

terms of how I visualize songs. But there seem to be recurrent themes - crutches and gas-masks and so on. I don't know where they come from. The show just seems to have a life of its own."

But does all this elaborate contrivance not emphasize how far he now is from the young street life from which his music sprang? "I'm not necessarily further away. I'm certainly a long way from what I used to do in the streets. But I'm not entirely sure whether I ever actually had what one would term 'street credibility'."

He is trying very hard to settle down and see the real world: "Over the past few years I've tried to find what makes me happy other than work and I've realized that not much does. But I did realize that my relationship with my son was probably the primary interest and the most fulfilling thing in my life." Joe - once known as Zowie - Bowie is now 16 and at school at Gordonstown. He seems to be the still point in the tumbling world of rock which, from the mid-Seventies, has gradually slowed the old star down.

"You have to develop a philosophical commitment to children. As Joe grew up I realized that here was a human being that it was my priority to care for and keep in touch with. It changed me more than anything else. I put an awful lot in perspective. I wanted to consider myself somebody that he could talk to and whose opinions he would take seriously. I

didn't want to be considered by him as the court jester or something."

The family home is primarily in Switzerland. He is divorced from Joe's mother, Angie, and the only constant woman in his life seems to be his formidable personal assistant Corinne "Coco" Schwab, who was in another suite at the Hilton but did not put in an appearance other than on the phone. His life, he says, is consumed by work and as much skiing as he can fit in. The music, meanwhile - in the absence of any clear idea of who his audience actually is these days - is strictly for the benefit of D. Bowie.

"I've stopped writing with my audience. I don't think I ever wrote for them. The thing about the early days in rock 'n' roll is it's very clubby. I used to want to say 'Listen, you'll like this' or 'Maybe you've not heard of William Burroughs but...'. But now I've not a clue what the people out there are like."

The whole Bowie message is modest, unassuming and reluctant to make any more claims. He just wants to put on the best rock show of the year and get on with the next album. After all, he is 40. When he was 20 he could barely even imagine life beyond 30. Now he can see no reason why he, Jagger, Dylan and the rest should not be rocking when they are 70. The key is letting the shows and the album speak for themselves - living on stage in a violent urban dreamland without actually living in one.

"I'm starting to find out that it's possible to be a writer and conjure up these areas of the unconscious without having to put them in one's real life. You don't have to throw yourself off a mountain in order to write about somebody throwing himself off a mountain."

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Colombian caper

CINEMA

Chronicle of a Death Foretold (15) Lumiere; Gate Notting Hill

White of the Eye (18) Cannons Oxford Street, Pantons Street

In Chronicle of a Death Foretold Gabriel Garcia Marquez meets Francesco Rosi and the encounter is not altogether easy. Marquez, the Nobel Prize-winning Colombian writer, with his "magic realism", is ambivalently fascinated by the dominance of obscurantist tradition in Latin America.

Here a Marquez melodrama is submitted to a Rosi investigation. Reshaping the story with his screenwriter Tomino Guerra, Rosi has Gian Maria Volonte return to his native home, a god-forsaken waterfront township in Colombia, to recall the circumstances in which his best



Ornella Muti, so decorative as Angela in Chronicle of a Death Foretold that acting hardly seems to matter

friend Santiago (Anthony Delon) died 27 years before.

This long-ago tragedy involved the beautiful Angela (Ornella Muti) and a rich, mysterious stranger, Bayardo (Rupert Everett), who automatically wins her - only to deliver her back to her family on the wedding night: she is not the virgin he thought. Obligated to avenge the family honour, Angela's twin brothers force her to name her seducer so that they can kill him. Angela points the finger at Santiago.

As he dredges their memories, Volonte discovers that every person in the town - including himself - had at some moment the possibility to prevent the tragedy, yet each, Platon-like, evaded their responsibility. The dangerous conspiracy of silence is a regular theme in Rosi films: if it seems less compelling here it is perhaps because he does not share Marquez's fascination with the Latin machismo ethos.

Hence, no doubt, the investigatory element fades away, and the melodrama, presented as a complex collage of memory flashbacks, takes over. By the end the Volonte character is forgotten, as the film climaxes in a bitter-sweet and unrepentantly romantic reconciliation of the middle-aged and mellowed Angela and Bayardo, to the accompaniment of Piero Piccioni's lush musical score.

The end seems arbitrary: this is the moment when one feels the rational Rosi's credu-

lity deserts him, and the irreconcilables between director and author are exposed. The film was largely shot on location, and Rosi indulged such luxuries as re-creating a paddle steamer of extinct species. The resulting picture, photographed by Pasqualino de Santis, is exotically handsome.

The handicap of the necessary big budget was clearly to force on Rosi an "international" cast. Ornella Muti and Anthony Delon (son of Alain) are so richly decorative that their skill as actors hardly comes into question. Rupert Everett proves a greater liability, though his performance has been improved since the original Cannes showing by replacing his West End juvenile diction with a dubbed Spanish voice. The performance still betrays lack of directorial discipline: unrestrained, the actor postures, rather than seeking any substance or credibility in a character that remains too mysterious for its own good and is generally presented like the obligatory enigmatic stranger in a spaghetti Western.

Donald Cammell's dark and vivid imagination has not often reached the screen. In 1970 he wrote and co-directed (with Nicolas Roeg) *Performance*; and his only other film until now has been *Devon* (1974), 10 years ago. *White of the Eye*, which he co-wrote with his wife from a novel by Margaret Tracy, is a sick tale of the killing and mutilation of a series of prosperous young middle-class women in rural Arizona. The locality turns out to be replete with psychopaths to provide the police with suspects.

Story and characters are not very original, though David Keith and Cathy Moriarty are intelligent and inventive in the lead roles; and the story rambles into extended anticlimax once the identity of the killer is revealed. The film is more interesting for the bravura with which Cammell uses stylish camerawork and editing and a system of flashbacks that are sometimes near-subliminal - an excess of style that is better than meretricious, because of Cammell's assurance in deploying it. Admirable too is the evocation of the setting - the opulent and pretentious ranch-house mansions isolated in the bleak, baking desert; a place, clearly, where madness and murder are all that can be expected.

David Robinson

THEATRE

Jenkin's Ear Royal Court

"Objectivity is often another word for moral cowardice" observes the hero of *Dusty Hughes's* play. He is a veteran foreign correspondent reminiscent of James Cameron, and he addresses the remark to an ambitious younger colleague who has made a big killing with an objective best-seller on the Falklands War.

Their conversation takes place in a fictional Latin American country bordering on Nicaragua which is well stocked with residents who likewise hold what they consider to be objective opinions. There is a silver-haired British ambassador to whom the landscape is more interesting than the people, and his drug-addicted daughter to whom everything is a big yawn. There is the head of the American Embassy - a former film actress who charmingly takes Jenkin to task on his reports from Vietnam: "They were anti-American; they were not objective". Meanwhile, death squads

are roaming the streets and delivering the heads of dissidents, as a warning to their families. But, as this is a "nice new democracy" propped up by America, the actions of the Interior Minister, Ruiz, and his assassins go unrecorded.

*Jenkin's Ear* is at once a debate, sharpening the contradictions between interested viewpoints on this political hell-hole, and a straightforward thriller with a strong story-line.

A woman working for Christian Aid has been shot by Ruiz's men. Jenkin, her former lover, comes to investigate the case. So does the young reporter Foster. They



Spellbinding duo: Robert Urquhart (left) and Alfred Molina

meet as old friends and colleagues, converging in the house of a provincial priest who was with her before the attack. But, as the trail gets hot, so does rivalry. Foster, unable to believe that his old friend is there for personal reasons, falsifies a climax which precipitates a neat melodramatic ending of death and escape.

What the play does is to notch up one small humane success in a country where such successes are few. Its power derives from Hughes's skill and moral sensitivity in placing the central story in a context of marginal events. The characters are divided

exhibit the snap and puff expected of them, and the character of Bunny, strayed in from *Raffles* and smartly played by James Simmons, presents behaviour appropriate to dashing turn-of-the-century gentlemen. Leonard's capital error lies in what he does with his Moriarty who re-enters London life with a face changed beyond recognition.

If Holmes was never the same after his experience at Reichenbach, the same is even more the case with his great antagonist. The actor who plays him is required to base his performance on the performance he gives in another role, but save for some clawing fingers and a grimace at any mention of a good deed,

there is precious little sense of the great evil brain of the original. As the great detective Geoffrey Palmer's dyspeptic expression and infuriating air of certainty serve the character well enough.

The principal crime is plotted with some conviction, and David Gilmour's production gives opportunity to Martin Johns to design the inevitable consulting room - a foggy Waterloo Bridge, the crest of an ancient grange and a devil in a Limhouse. But the play, which has not succeeded with the Moriarty story, has no more success with the jokey spoof tone of the ordinary dialogue.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERT

Roberto Sierra Almeida Theatre

Tonight everyone will have a chance to sample just a bit of this year's massively lively Almeida Festival, when a recording of Tuesday's Roberto Sierra retrospective is broadcast on Radio 3. Borna in Puerto Rico in 1953, Sierra studied with Ligeti, who has for several years been confessing his admiration of his pupil, and his willingness to steal from him. One went, therefore, with rather high expectations.

To some extent they were rewarded. Sierra is, as Ligeti has been maintaining, a fantastic machine for making polyrhythmic play with the folk-music of the Caribbean, and the combination of whirling abstract speculation with the urgent language of simple ostinatos is certainly distinctive. However, to come to Sierra through Ligeti is perhaps unwise: one tends to value most those pieces which are less Afro-Hispanic and more Austro-Hungarian, such as the outer movements of the new *Tres inventos* for piano, dynamically projected by Yvar Mikhashoff, and then to undervalue those same pieces for being merely imitative.

On the other hand, Sierra in folk vein can alarmingly recall

the oft-repeated sultry phrases and the unfocused exuberance of Villa-Lobos: the concert began with a Lorca setting, *Devia Rosita*, which was evocatively sung by the fresh-voiced Sara Stowe with wind quinet accompaniment directed by James Wood, but which could almost have been *Bachianas brasileiras No 1*. Moreover, it is hard to know quite what Sierra means by bringing forward banal little tidily-on-pon vocalises in his *Cantos populares*, sung by Mr Wood's New London Chamber Choir. They sound just plain silly, but the building of elaborate structures upon them argues against their being taken as autodestructive jokes. And there is other evidence too, in Sierra's harmony, that detail is expected to take care of itself if the mechanism is in order.

But there are very few such problems in the *Concierto nocturno* for amplified harpsichord and mixed quartet, which was given an intense performance with Elisabeth Chojnacka as soloist, and which throbbed and raced with tropical life.

Paul Griffiths

The Gold Medal of the Royal Philharmonic Society has been awarded to conductor Bernstein. The presentation will be made, by Sir Michael Tippett, at the Barbican on June 28 during a concert in which Bernstein conducts the Concertgebouw Orchestra.

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BOOKS

B-movie doomwatch

Peter Ackroyd reviews this factional work of po-faced futurology which wants to make our flesh creep

The title says it all, of course; this is a book to frighten you. Those of a superstitious cast of mind, however, might in some ways be reassured by an analysis that predicts the imminent collapse of the Western economic system - on the grounds that the thing most feared is that which never in fact occurs. But there is a less sanguine school of thought which, taking its evidence from pathology as much as from economics, suggests that fear of a disease may itself provoke that disease. A book of this kind, then, could be dangerous.

Certainly it is not without incident. Written from the vantage point of an historian in the 21st century, it explains how the last decade of our own century was marked by economic failure and by internecine conflict: rising unemployment and increasing inflation render ordinary democratic government untenable, and as a result the Western world is faced with the choice of anarchy or authoritarianism. Japan collapses; America becomes an arena for racial and civil war; the separate nations of Europe, dazed by the spectres of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment, turn to a new strong man, Olaf D. Le Rith, who under the aegis of a "Europe First Movement" creates a multinational police state.

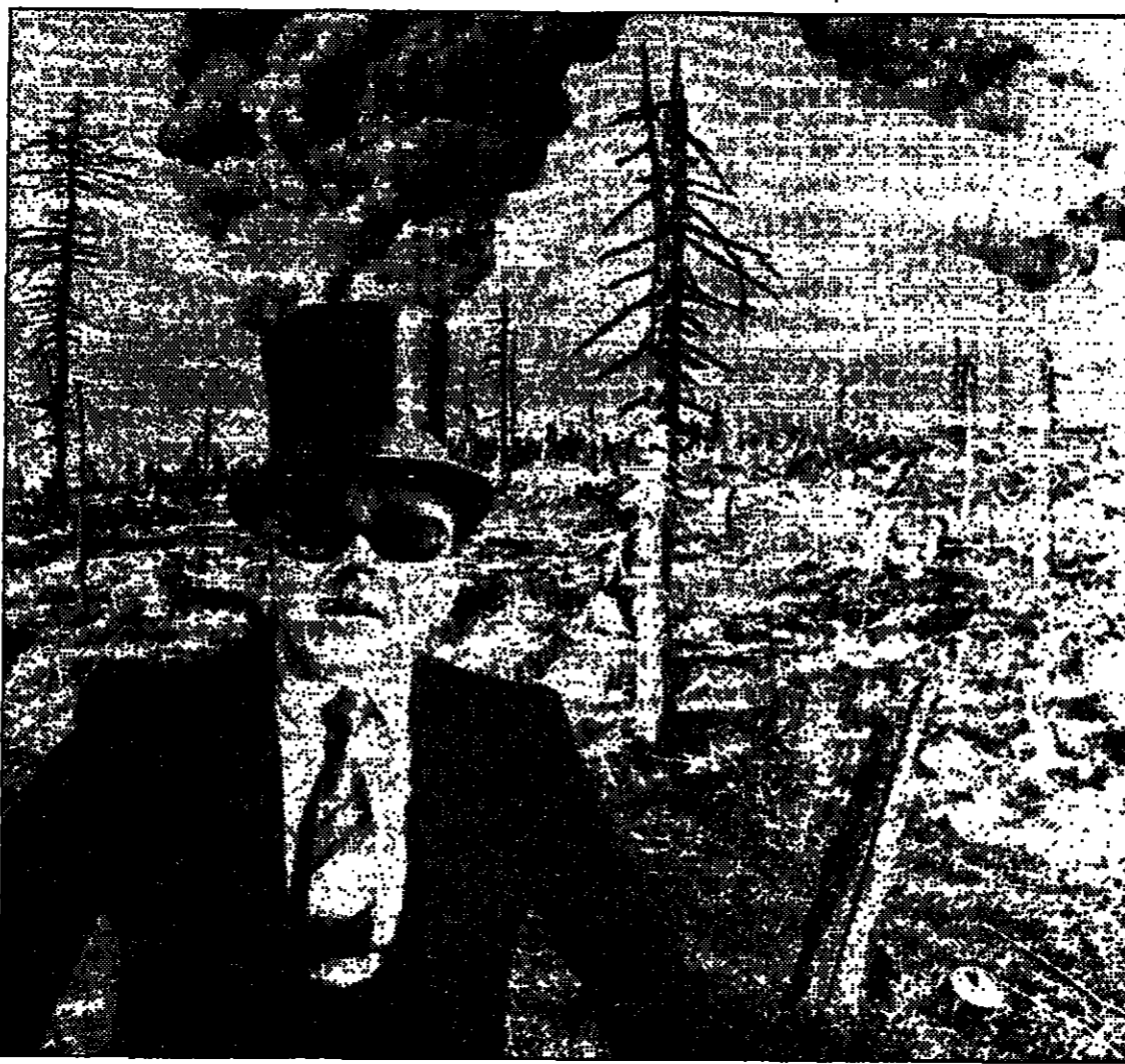
And now the good news. There has been an epidemic of Aids, at least not in the West, and the threat of nuclear extinction seems to have receded - those who enjoy apocalyptic romances may be upset by these strange omissions (nuclear war has been the greatest boon to the novelist since the days of Gothic horror), but there is still more than enough melodrama to be getting on with. In this account of future shock there are any number of eleven hours, midnight bells, whirlwinds, and smouldering volcanoes. There are even "momentous forces" working beneath the "tranquil surface", which suggests that, although the authors' grasp of economics may be very sure, their grasp of the language is perhaps a little less certain. But although the prospect of urban terrorism, tribal warfare, civil anarchy, and economic collapse may be explained by an impressive array of

APOCALYPSE 2000 Economic Breakdown and The Suicide of Democracy, 1989-2000 By Peter Jay and Michael Stewart Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95

statistical projections, the essential images are drawn from bad American films of the 70s and early 80s. This is economic theory as a B-movie. Yet the melodramatic tone does have at least one useful function: it imparts the most important although no doubt inadvertent lesson of the book by emphasizing that, despite the political and economic determinism which *Apocalypse 2000* represents, the major forces in the world are irrational and perhaps even inexplicable.

If this book really has been written in the future, it is clear that there has been no improvement in English prose. The narrative might have been written by a statistician with only a sporadic sense of humour, and the forays into fiction are not a success. It is a mistake to employ a garrulous Cockney cab-driver as an example of local colour - "Law an' flippin' order? Wat does that mean?" - and it is difficult to believe in "an eccentric Texan billionaire called Wildcat 'Gusher' Hunk". Similarly the rise of the European dictator, Le Rith, is hard to credit; his career could really only make sense in a mass paperback "thriller". And that of course is the problem: the poverty of imagination here suggests that the authors have only an uncertain grasp of the world beyond economic theory.

In any case their general speculations hover somewhere between Orwellian fancy and Malthusian fact, as if they were not sure whether to fabricate an interesting story or to deliver an accurate polemic. As a result they have provided an unsatisfactory and unpalatable blend of both, in a manner strongly reminiscent of that form of journalistic fiction which masquerades in the more bulky Sunday newspapers under the names of "Insight" or



Nightmare vision of the evils of capitalism by Christer Thempander of Sweden from Photomontage: A Political Weapon, by David Evans & Sylvia Gohl (Gordon Fraser, £15)

"Daylight" - a pot-pourri of reported conversations, instant analyses, and sketchy character portraits. Predictions are in any case notoriously unreliable - still within living memory are the endless forecasts of the demise of the Labour Party after Foot, and the demise of the Republican Party under Nixon. Such prophecies are forgotten as soon as they are proved to be false (especially by those who made them in the first place), but it is difficult to attend to long-term prognostications when the short-term varieties are so notoriously unreliable.

Of course books of this kind are not really about the future at all. Like those of Malthus and Buckminster Fuller - to pick the twin poles of

pessimistic and optimistic "forward planning" - such accounts really only tell us about the contemporary world from which they spring. So it is that *Apocalypse 2000* seems to stem largely from an unease about the present government's economic policies, and comes close to being a "doomsday scenario" written by two disaffected socialists: "The failure of the existing political system to provide people with the minimum amount of economic security" is the essential message here, but there is scarcely any mention of the "Third World" or of the Communist nations. To leave Eastern Europe out of an account about the rise of a European strong man seems, on the face of it, rather strange.

Plot thin but jolly jokes

FICTION

John Nicholson

DIRK GENTLY'S HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AGENCY By Douglas Adams Heinemann, £9.95

PEOPLE FOR LUNCH By Georgina Hammick Methuen, £9.95

DARA By Patrick Besson Translated by Nicole Irving Hamish Hamilton, £10.95

First, a terrible confession: I never actually read *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*. Possessed it, yes. Dipped into it, certainly, and rather enjoyed the bits I read. Clever chap, Douglas Adams. I thought: witty, too, and capable of stringing words together very fetchingly. And yet, somehow I couldn't raise sufficient ground speed to achieve full literary lift-off.

Now, replete after four bites at the galactic cherry, Mr Adams has returned to earth for his latest assault on the best-seller lists. That's not to say that he has abandoned SF altogether. One of the leading characters in *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* has a time machine. But of course he would, being Cambridge's Regius Professor of Chronology. Earnest Californian Eng. Lit. majors will probably interpret this as homage to one of the genre's founding fathers, or perhaps as a legacy from Douglas Adams's saint as Script Editor of *Dr Who*. More cynical readers may see it as a *deus ex machina* device without which the author would have been hard-pressed to bring his book to a conclusion, but only if they have failed to succumb to its not inconsiderable charms.

First impressions are not encouraging. A cloying cover note confides that Mr Adams lives in Islington with a lady barrister and an Apple Macintosh. At least one piece of information here is surplus to requirements, and Mr Adams compounds his hubris by telling us in a special Author's Note that he not only wrote but actually typeset his own book, with a little help from the less animate of his co-habitees. Nemesis duly follows, of course, in the shape of some particularly irritating typos for which the author must presumably accept all the blame.

Thus purged of pomposity, Mr Adams gets about enquiring us. This is something he is very good at. His humour is unmistakably British in its fondness for animals, anachronisms, and the absurd. DGHDA does have a plot, I suppose; and Mr Adams occasionally recalls that novels are supposed to have convincing characters. Neither can hold his attention for long, though. He never allows the action to become so absorbing that it can't be interrupted by the musings of a horse - especially if the horse spends its days underneath an Electric Monk who believes everything he (it?) hears. No respecter of psychological consistency, the author gives his characters licence to behave exactly as they please. Nor does he feel under any obligation to bring to heel all the hares he starts. Following a tradition which stretches from Sterne to Wodehouse, what signifies most here is the quality of the writing, the

asides and allusions, and - above all - the jokes. Mr Adams scores very high on all counts. But I'm afraid a fantasy as endearingly dotty as this has no more chance of becoming an international best-seller than, say, a book about bunnies in Berkshire.

Georgina Hammick is someone who might well buy a book about Berkshire bunnies, since she writes the Gardening Column for *Books Magazine* from her home in neighbouring Wiltshire. More to the point, she also writes poetry and remarkably fine short stories, a first collection of which is published this week. Although some of the themes in *People for Lunch* are old favourites (class, premature widowhood, schoolgirl crushes, the Generation Gap), they acquire fresh life in her skillful and original tales. Other subjects are more offbeat: a woman's humiliation at the hands of her gynaecologist, or the improbable passion of an elderly dentist for one of his young patients. Miss Hammick is at her best when writing about family life, and least convincing when she veers towards fantasy. All in all, however, a most accomplished prose debut and one which I hope hints at longer things to come.

Patrick Besson's *Dara* is another "first" - for an English translation of a book by one of France's most highly-rated young writers. Winner of the 1985 Grand Prix de la French Academy, it tells the story of a Yugoslav emigrée who comes to Paris shortly after World War Two. Besson makes an unusual but not really extraordinary woman into an enigma by continually changing the narrative voice. It does not require great perspicacity to realize that we all have a variety of personae, depending upon who is describing us. English readers may be irritated by *Dara's* unnecessary complexity. There is however much fascinating historical detail in Besson's description of wartime Zagreb and post-war Milan and Paris, as well as some pleasantly exotic variations on the *Jules et Jim* theme.

Gulag of the forest

Andrew Sinclair

AMAZON FRONTIER The Defeat of the Brazilian Indians By John Hemming Macmillan, £19.95

"Provided they worked like beasts, like beasts they might live and die." These were the Brazilian Indians in the view of European settlers, or so the traveller Robert Southey noted. The white colonists were indifferent about the improvement of the Indians, who appeared to be lazy and incorrigible, incapable of civilization. They were not even noble savages, that myth of French philosophers, but vile, treacherous, nasty, hostile, and repulsive. If they were not lower than vermin, they were less useful than pigs.

John Hemming has chronicled the conquest of the Indians of South America in his mastery *Red Gold*. His *Amazon Frontier* takes up the tale of the defeat of the natives of Brazil from the time that their false liberty was proclaimed in 1755 up to this century. Freed from the theocratic control of the Jesuit missions, which alone seemed capable of converting tribes such as the Guarani from forest hunters to agricultural labourers, the Indians were delivered into the hands of slavers, torturers, rapists, exploiters, and exterminators in the name of progress. The usual answer to the Indian occupation of land that might be settled was clearance by smallpox, measles, syphilis, muskets, spirits, and starvation. The noble few who tried to protect or civilize those Indian tribes who surrendered could halt their decimation

only for a few years. If a tribe wished to survive, it had to plunge deeper into the forest, where game and wild fruit and herbs provided a better way of living than rotting with disease and forced labour and hopelessness in a regroupment area.

With wide research and an admirable grasp of narrative, John Hemming records a melancholy and inexorable history of man's inhumanity to men. Most shocking is the arrogance of the Europeans, their presumption of Indian inferiority, when the tribes were far more capable of living in the forests than they were. Only when they met a fierce and handsome plains tribe such as the Guaikuru, who had taken to the horse and gun like the North Ameri-

can Apaches, did fear engender a sort of respect. Yet even the Guaikuru were devastated and emasculated.

Detached massacre has given way to concern, but only among the few in Brazil. We begin to care at last for those that we have forced to lose.

*Amazon Frontier* will be the classic work on the destruction of the Brazilian tribes. Its relentless and fair presentation of detail, its repetitious counterpoint of Indian gallantry and European deceit, where brief resistance is followed by extermination or subjugation, give the book the quality of a *Gulag* of the trees - a holocaust of the woods, in which Caliban is forever worsted by a greedy Prospero, who will never leave the Amazon to its dwellers. There is no reason on earth further to deplete the resources and peoples of the last great forest: even the rubber monopoly and boom of Victorian times was ended by a British act of agricultural espionage, which used Kew Gardens as the seedbed of future Asian rubber plantations. But we know only now, or seem to know, that we must preserve our ecology and those who live best in it by respecting it. John Hemming writes of the tragedy of the Amazon frontier from the benefit of hindsight. Yet it is not less sad. Millions have died, a way of life is dying, the forest recedes; and we still have learned too little and too late.

Hunt the mot juste

Kenneth Robinson

ROGET'S THESAURUS OF ENGLISH WORDS AND PHRASES Edited by Betty Kirkpatrick Longman, £11.95

Who was Roget? In the 150th anniversary edition of his *Thesaurus*, its new editor, Betty Kirkpatrick, writes about him.

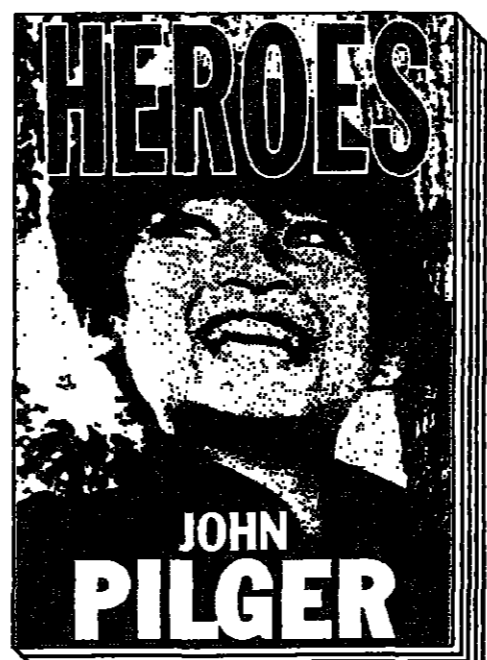
Dr Peter Roget, she says, was never a literary man, but for his work in medicine and science this "shadowy figure" was accepted by London's "intellectual circles".

Especially just at the moment, when his new editor has asked us to imagine a computerized multi-lingual *Thesaurus* in every home. This, she says, could greatly assist Roget's plan for international understanding, and might even help to bring about his dream of a "golden age of union and harmony".

Until now I have never taken Roget as seriously as that. I have merely dipped for fun into successive editions of his work, learning about American words like *didos* and *grip-sacks*; "Scotticisms" such as *smeddum*, *thrapple*, *stot*, *osh*, and *versh*, and some recent British inventions I find rather attractive - *bingle* and *bunce*.

This is all very entertaining, but when it comes to handling unfamiliar words myself I am

greater international understanding. It is too risky of error (but not too) - all too good a bad idea. As Roget's *Thesaurus* continues to promise help "to those who are painfully groping" (*bumbling, fumbling or stumbling*), a whole new generation of them will be harmlessly misled by that printers' *boo-boo* in the revised preface. They will surely be inspired by the hope that they, too, might one day be accepted by London's intellectual circles. And that they might even become *crickles* themselves.



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THEATRE

LONDON

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Preshley's evergreen about guilt among the gentry.
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MANCHESTER: ★ Female Parts: Elle Haddington in four harshly comic pieces by Dario Fo and Franca Rame.
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A change of address used to be feared as a certain way of hastening the end of a run, but The Moscow Trap hopped to a neighbouring theatre the several years ago and still functions as effectively as ever.

ROCK

DWIGHT YOKAHE: The Appalachian 'New Country' fundamentalists has contributed a much-needed infusion of cool to the hackneyed Nashville sound.

OPERA

MANON: Rudolf Noelle strips away all romantic preconceptions in his new staging of Massenet's work, conducted by Jeffrey Tate.

TALKS

PLATE TECTONICS IN BRITAIN'S PAST: Lecture by Dr Peter Cowgill, Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-588 3444), 2.30pm, free.

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ★ Portrait of interesting new William Douglas Home play with Keith Michell as Augustus John and Simon Ward playing three of his sisters (Montgomery, Matthew Smith, Cecil Beaton).

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CONCERTS

DAVIS/PHILHARMONIA: Andrew Davis conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Rossini's Il Signor Bruschino.

GALLERIES

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WALKS

THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE: Meet St. Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.
1880s EAST END MURDERS: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

THE RIVER MELA: Weather permitting, lunchtime talks, workshops and performances by visiting musicians.

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6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.35 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (R). 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time presented by Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxton. News and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, and 8.30. Regional news and travel updates at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15. 8.40 Advice Shop. In the last of the series, Margot Macdonald updates the stories featured in previous programmes. 8.55 Regional news and weather. 9.00 News and weather. 9.05 Dallas (r). 9.50 Cartoon. 10.00 News and weather. 10.05 Neighbours (r). 10.25 Children's BBC with Philip Schofield. 10.30 Playschool. 10.50 Cricket: Second Test. Live coverage of today's play between England and Pakistan in the Cornhill Insurance Test Series. Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth are the commentators. Includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00. 12.55 Regional News and weather. 1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. 1.25 Neighbours. The Robinsons have two reasons to celebrate. 1.50 Flimby's House Animated film by Oliver Postgate (r). 2.05 Brac-a-Brac (r). 2.05 Royal Ascot. Live coverage of two races: The Cork and Orrery Stakes at 2.30 and The Norfolk Stakes at 3.00. As it is Ladies Day, Eva Pollard will be commenting on the fashions. 3.40 Cartoon. 3.50 Lay on Five. Slapstick comedy with Floella Benjamin (r). 4.10 The Adventures of Spot as told by Paul Nicholas. 4.15 The Kwicky Koala Show (r). 4.35 Silas. First of a 12-part serial set at the end of the last century about the adventures of a circus child who runs away.

5.00 Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax). 5.25 Go For It! Robbie Vincent and Angharad Mair check up on the Myers family. Have they managed to overcome their passion for sweets and snacks? 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. 6.35 London Plus. 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Gary Davies includes Curiosity Killed the Cat, Samantha Fox and Tom Jones. 7.30 EastEnders. Den is in a dilemma; and Lofty disappears (Ceefax). 8.00 Tomorrow's World at Large looks at the musician of the future. Amateur pop singer Howard Stabford investigates what electronic techniques are doing to music. (Ceefax) (See Choice). 8.30 Don't Wait Up. Tom is feeling low so Toby tries to cheer him up. Sit-com starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as the father and son doctors (r) (Ceefax). 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. 9.30 Crimewatch UK with Nick Ross and Sue Cook, asks viewers to help solve and prevent crime. Tonight's programme features reconstructions of a sexual assault on a Sheffield housewife and the murder of a salesman from Aberdeen. 10.10 Question Time. Debate between members of the public and members of parliament about what the new government should make its first priority. Chaired by Sir Robin Day. 11.10 Crimewatch Update. Developments and reminders. 11.20 The Royal International Horse Show from Birmingham featuring the Daily Mail Cup. Introduced by David Vine; Raymond Brooks-Wright and Stephen Hadley are the commentators. 12.10 Weather and close.

BBC2

6.55 Open University. 9.00 Daytime on Two: Deciphering codes 9.57 Ceefax 11.00 At the Seaside 11.18 Fartation 11.40 James is our Brother 12.12 Ceefax 12.45 A-Level Biology 1.05 Ceefax. 1.35 Cricket: Second Test. Pakistan v England. Live coverage of the first day's play in the Cornhill Insurance Test Series. 2.00 News and weather. 2.02 Water. (r) 2.17 Music Time (r). 2.35 Cricket: Racing and Tennis. Further coverage from Lord's Cricket Ground. Racing from Royal Ascot with the Gold Cup race at 3.45 and The Ribblesdale Stakes at 4.20. Barry Davies introduces Ladies International Tennis from Eastbourne. Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert are among those competing in the Pilkington Glass Ladies Championship. Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 4.00. 6.15 Film: Murder Ahoy (b/w 1964) Agathe Christie whodunnit starring Margaret Rutherford and Lionel Jeffries. Miss Marple investigates a murder aboard a

neval cadet training ship. Directed by George Pollock. 7.45 Royal Ascot. Highlights of Ladies' Day including The Gold Cup race. 8.05 The Celts. Frank Delaney examines the legacy of the Celts and argues their's is more than a souvenir culture. (Ceefax). 9.00 The Travel Show. Paul Halsey presents news and information of 'attainable' rather than exotic holidays. This week's programme features a resort on Corfu, a honeymoon spent on a barge on an Oxford canal plus travel tips and reports on weather and road conditions in Britain and on the Continent. 9.30 Cardiff Singer of the World. Third of the preliminary rounds. 10.10 World Cup Rugby. Highlights of the third and fourth place decider game between Wales and Australia. 10.40 Newsnight. 11.25 11.30 Cricket: Second Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the day's play. 12.00 Weekend Outlook. 12.05 Open University. Ends at 12.35.

BBC1

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# Vatican trip ends Austrian isolation

From Roger Boyes  
Rome

President Waldheim of Austria will break out of his international isolation next week with an official visit to the Pope, the Vatican announced yesterday.

After a year of snubs, the former United Nations Secretary-General - shunned for his alleged participation in Nazi war crimes - has at last found a way of representing his country abroad.

But the trip is still far from being a general rehabilitation of the President. Dr Waldheim, Italian officials stressed emphasized yesterday that he will not be paying an official visit to Italy. This is almost unprecedented. Even the most controversial visitors to the Vatican combine their trips with official meetings with Italian leaders. Italy, in common with the rest of Western Europe, and the US, continuing to cold-shoulder the President.

Dr Waldheim was put on America's "watch list" in April, barring him from entering the US.

Some days after his meeting with the Pope on June 25, Dr Waldheim will set out for Jordan as a guest of King Husain. Other invitations have been received from Libya, Uganda and the United Arab Emirates.

But it is understood that the Austrian President very much wants to become active in Europe, both East and West, in the hope that such high-level contacts would dilute the opposition of the US. Feelers have been extended to Hungary and Poland, but so far nothing concrete has emerged.

President Waldheim, a Catholic, will be accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Herr Alois Mock, and several aides from the Presidential Office. Both the Vatican and Vienna confirm that the meeting will have official status.

However, the constantly alert Italian press will be watching President Waldheim's arrival in Rome very carefully. If he is treated at the airport with anything more than the usual respect due to a private Austrian tourist, the Waldheim trip will prove to be a source of fierce political controversy in Italy.

VIENNA: Dr Waldheim received the invitation to the Vatican some weeks ago, Herr Gerold Christian, the President's spokesman, said yesterday (AP reports). Asked whether Dr Waldheim had been concerned to make the Vatican visit before his trip to Jordan, an Arab state, he said he saw no connection between the two journeys.

Meanwhile, Herr Mock was quoted as saying yesterday that the Vatican's invitation to Dr Waldheim represented "an extraordinary gesture by the Holy Father towards the President."

On Tuesday, the Austrian Government urged the US to remove the ban on the President and to refrain from sending suspected war criminals to Austria.

# Surprise reunion for First World War ace



Then and now: Second Lieutenant Coombs of the Royal Flying Corps at Northolt airfield, west London, in 1917 (right) and at the RAF Museum, Hendon, north-west London, yesterday with an Avro 504 (Photograph by Peter Trievnor).

## SDP ends use of joint spokesmen

By Nicholas Wood and Sheila Gunn

SDP MPs underlined their determination to preserve the identity of their party last night by formally abandoning joint Alliance parliamentary spokesmen.

On the vexed matter of a merger with the Liberals, they agreed to abide by the decision of their ruling national committee on Monday and postpone discussion for a fortnight until the committee reconvenes.

The line taken by the five MPs, led by Dr David Owen, suggested that the parliamentary party is gearing up to resist Mr David Steel's call for a "democratic fusion" of the Alliance partners.

Mr John Cartwright, Dr Owen's closest Commons lieutenant, said that discussion of this central question was being left to the national committee, where all SDP MPs had a seat.

Mrs Rosie Barnes, re-elected as MP for Greenwich, said it was important that the SDP did not rush a decision.

The two-hour meeting endorsed Dr Owen as leader and elected Mr Cartwright as chief whip and spokesman on defence and urban affairs.

Mr Robert MacLennan was appointed to the economic affairs brief; Mr Charles Kennedy, Scotland and social security; and Mrs Barnes, education and health.

Meanwhile, the 17 Liberal MPs, meeting separately were expected to endorse Mr Steel's call, which was backed by party officers on Tuesday.

Liberal sources said they opposed the SDP's decision to renounce the joint spokesmanships, describing it as a "unilateral step" that made little sense in the light of the SDP's slim Commons representation.

Privately, some senior SDP figures were acknowledging that it will be difficult for the party to resist Mr Steel's proposal.

Already, they said, some SDP and Liberal constituency associations, brought together through fighting local and national elections, were "beginning to declare UDI" and regard themselves as a single Alliance entity.

Mr Steel indicated earlier that a merged Alliance party should be based on the SDP constitution.

Vernon Coombs slipped on a scuffed leather flying coat and unwieldy goggles before renewing his acquaintance with an old friend in the shape of an Avro 504 biplane that he piloted during the First World War.

It was a ninetieth birthday surprise for the man who took to the skies for the first time in just such an aircraft exactly 70 years ago.

Leaning against the fragile craft's wing in the RAF Museum at Hendon, north-west London, yesterday, Mr Coombs seemed lost in thought for a moment as he recalled the dogfights of those

days in the Royal Flying Corps. In common with many raw recruits to the RFC, Mr Coombs lasted only a few months before being shot down. He survived to become a leading member of the 1914-18 Prisoners-of-War Dining Club, with the proud record of having attended every one of its annual lunches.

Lunch yesterday was taken as guest of honour of the commander at RAF Northolt, west London, the airfield where Mr Coombs trained before leaving for the dangerous skies of France.

## Pay offer may be forced on unions

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Both unions would almost certainly settle for a much smaller increase than the 15 per cent they are seeking.

The stumbling block is over Treasury plans to introduce regional pay differentials and performance pay, which the unions fear will lead to declining standards of living in the North of England, where their members would almost certainly be paid less.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the SCPS, accused the Government of deliberately exacerbating the situation by attempting to keep Civil Servants throughout the North on poverty pay.

"It appears as if the two-nation divide is only going to get worse. By their adherence to regional pay the Government appears to be intent on hammering the people who did not vote for them in the general election," he said.

The executives of the two unions will meet next Tuesday to discuss the possibility of an all-out strike. Such a proposal is strongly favoured by Mr John Macrae, the militant supporter and newly-elected deputy general secretary of the CP&A.

The two unions are believed to have almost spent their initial £3 million strike fund. But a further £3 million is being held in reserve.

## Driver sparked chemical alert

A motorist who braked too hard set off a chain reaction which blocked the A19 for 13 hours and led to 40,000 people having to stay indoors. Tees-side magistrates were told yesterday.

Robert Fishpool, aged 27, a structural draughtsman, of New Marske, Cleveland, admitted careless driving and was fined £60. He had skidded near Acklam, Middlesbrough, destroying five cars and a chemical tanker.

# RAF jets collide over Cumbria

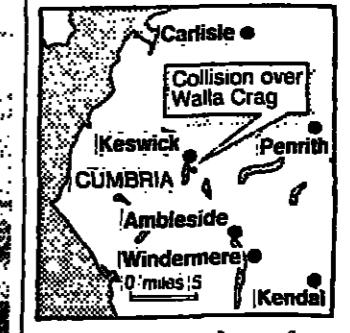
By Michael Evans  
Defence Correspondent

Two RAF jet fighters, a Tornado and a Jaguar, smashed into a hillside in the Lake District yesterday, after what appeared to be a high speed mid-air collision. The two crew members of the Tornado ejected safely and escaped with minor bruising and burns. The fate of the Jaguar pilot is not known.

Both aircraft crashed into the hillside at Walla Crag in the Borrowdale Valley, about one mile south of Keswick in Cumbria, after the pilots had apparently been forced to take sudden evasive action to avoid a head-on collision. The Lake District is frequently used by the RAF for low-level flying.

Members of an RAF board of inquiry were appointed immediately and set off for the scene of the crash.

The Tornado GR1, the ground attack version of the aircraft built by Britain, West Germany and Italy, was based at Laarbruch in West Ger-



many but had flown from Waddington in Lincolnshire for a low-flying training exercise over Cumbria. The Jaguar had come from Coltishall in Norfolk.

The pilot and navigator of the Tornado were found by forest workers after they had ejected. Both men were able to walk down the hillside to the waiting ambulances.

While a helicopter took the two injured crew to West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven, the search continued for the pilot of the single-seat Jaguar aircraft.

One Keswick resident said that both aircraft seemed to come down in the Borrowdale Valley. He said: "I heard a loud bang and there was lots of thick black smoke drifting across the valley for about three miles. The windows in the house shook but at first we did not realise aircraft were involved."

So far this year there have been relatively few RAF crashes, excepting the Chinook disaster in February, in which seven servicemen died. On June 3 a Tornado crashed on to a disused airfield at Manby in Lincolnshire. Both crew members ejected successfully. There had been no Jaguar accidents.

The Ministry of Defence said that since 1983, 13 Tornados and 14 Jaguars have been lost in crashes. Extra Tornados had to be bought at a cost of £17 million each because of the high attrition rate. No RAF aircraft is insured against loss.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,386

Grid for crossword puzzle No 17,386. The grid is a 15x15 square with some cells shaded black. Numbers 1-27 are placed in the starting cells of the words.

- ACROSS**
- Skip the sauce (5).
  - Old-fashioned entertainment is back: there's a lot round every-one (5-4).
  - An occasional boy for Holmes (9).
  - When retiring about to do this to the lamp? (5).
  - A refugee removed as Persophone was in Hades? (9,6).
  - Leg is legitimate in football (6).
  - Study of heredity in Indian Civil Service by leading French writer (8).
  - Careless of good French quality (8).
  - Anglican hunts are backward in this respect (6).
  - Rest, then achieve rescue from robbers' demand (5,3,7).
  - Proprietor as follower of Samuel's teacher (5).
  - Angela takes the Head for something to eat (6,3).
  - Laced in out-stare - awfully rude (9).
  - Method of restraint incorporates second adhesive (5).
- DOWN**
- Age when Germans were kinder (8).
  - Capital is at a discount (5).
  - Choicely entertained by King Edward (7).
  - It devoured children in an instant, with water (6).
  - Office machine to add to the scrap-heap? (8).
  - Traffic light - always green (4-3).
  - A day in November with a raw start and fog and packed snow to follow (9).
  - Left part with cargo (5).
  - Working man, busier on the bed than perhaps (9).
  - Day for David to slice the Devil in two - good man! (9).
  - Red conspirator brought to court (8).
  - They may be found in colonies, naturally (7).
  - Join together round one in private (7).
  - The Welsh were in fearful dread of the first (6).
  - Fish was off (5).
  - Places of assignation out East for a beautiful woman (5).

### WEATHER

General situation: a showery north-westerly airstream will persist in the east whilst a ridge of high pressure affects the west. In the far south-west of England and the Channel Islands a rather dull day is in store with some rain or drizzle at times. Over the rest of Britain the showery weather will continue, but rain should be less widespread than on recent days, except in some eastern areas where a few heavy showers will develop again. Sunny intervals will occur in between the showers and in north-western parts it will be quite a reasonable day with many places likely to remain dry. It will generally be a little warmer than Wednesday but still breezy in the far northeast. Outlook: Mostly dry tomorrow but cloud and some rain during Saturday.

ABROAD		AROUND BRITAIN		HIGH TIDES	
City	Temp	City	Temp	City	Time
Algeria	12	Scarboro	12	London	7.43
Alexandria	29	Birmingham	14	Aberdeen	7.11
Algiers	29	Cardiff	14	Armagh	12.47
Amman	15	Claon	10	Belfast	4.46
Antananarivo	25	Clonmel	10	Cardiff	12.32
Asmara	31	Coleraine	9.5	Derry	10.59
Bahia	27	Cromer	12.6	Dunfermline	12.32
Barcelona	27	Downpatrick	10.1	Dunfermline	12.32
Bombay	31	Edinburgh	9.2	Edinburgh	12.32
Buenos Aires	27	Exeter	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Burgas	27	Gloucester	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Calcutta	31	Harrogate	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Cairo	27	Hull	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Canton	27	Inverness	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Cebu	27	Leamington	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Colon	27	Leeds	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Hankow	27	London	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Hong Kong	27	Manchester	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Kobe	27	Nottingham	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
London	12	Northampton	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Lyons	12	Oldham	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Manila	27	Reading	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Medan	27	Sheff	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Osaka	27	Southampton	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Paris	12	Stirling	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Perth	12	Swansea	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Rangoon	27	Torquay	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
San Francisco	12	Weymouth	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Singapore	27	Widnes	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Sourabaya	27	Worcester	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Tientsin	27	Wrexham	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32
Yokohama	27	Wolverhampton	11.3	Edinburgh	12.32

**THE POUND**

Bank	Buy	Sell
Australia	2.175	2.225
Canada	2.272	2.322
Denmark	11.84	11.94
France	163.30	163.30
Germany	2.10	2.10
Italy	1.95	1.95
Japan	248	248
Netherlands	2.43	2.43
Norway	11.40	11.40
Portugal	205.20	205.20
Spain	167.75	167.75
Sweden	10.75	10.75
Switzerland	2.07	2.07
USA	1.70	1.70
Yugoslavia	11.00	11.00

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Manchester	11
Nottingham	11
Oldham	11
Reading	11
Sheff	11
Southampton	11
Stirling	11
Swansea	11
Torquay	11
Weymouth	11
Widnes	11
Worcester	11
Wrexham	11
Wolverhampton	11

**AM**

**PM**

**LIGHTING-UP TIME**

London 9.51 pm to 4.13 am  
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.26 am  
Edinburgh 10.32 pm to 3.56 am  
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.09 am  
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.42 am

**YESTERDAY**

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, far; r, rain; s, sun.

City	Temp	City	Temp
Belfast	14	Guernsey	13
Birmingham	15	Inverness	11
Blackpool	14	London	14
Bristol	15	Manchester	14
Cardiff	13	Newcastle	13
Edinburgh	13	Wrexham	14
Glasgow	14	Rykdale	14

**MANCHESTER**

Yesterday's Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17°C (63°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F); Rain 2.49 to 6 pm, 1.014 millibars, steady -29.53in.

**HIGHEST & LOWEST**

Yesterday's Highest day temp London weather centre, 17°C (63°F); lowest day min, Fair Isle 11°C (52°F); highest rainfall, Lettington, 0.63 in; highest sunshine, Cromer, Norfolk and Skegness, Lincolnshire, 12.6 hr

**POLLEN COUNT**

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was N (very low). Forecast for today, similar. For today's recording call British Telecom's recording call 01-248 8001, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

**NOON TODAY**

Information supplied by London Weather Centre



THURSDAY, JUNE 18 1987

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1801.7 (+7.2)

FT-SE 100 2320.4 (+11.4)

Bargains 52863 (52118)

USM (Datastream) 191.25 (+1.14)

THE POUND

US dollar 1.6340 (-0.0015)

W German mark 2.9812 (-0.0044)

Trade-weighted 73.0 (-0.1)

Shares top 1,800 for first time

Share prices passed the 1,800 mark for the first time yesterday as investors continued to draw strength from the Conservatives' election win.

The FT index of 30 shares ended the day 7.2 points higher at a record 1,801.7, having been 10.8 up. The index has now risen by 114.8 points since Mrs Thatcher called the general election on May 11.

After-tax profits on an historic cost basis were £806 million (£720 million) £575 million (£402 million) on a current cost basis and have been calculated at £684 million (£559 million) for a full year in the private sector on a pro forma basis.

The cuts in gas tariffs for the domestic consumer mean that a typical London family will pay £13.20p a year less on its gas bill.

The full-year figures show that even with turnover down 1 per cent to £7.6 billion, the operating profit was up 46 per cent on a current cost basis to £1,005 billion, and on an historic cost basis, up 24 per cent to £1,293 billion.

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Planned price cuts exceed pricing formula requirements

£684m profits at British Gas

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas ended its first financial year in the private sector with profits higher than expected, £599 million cash in the bank, and an announcement of cuts in gas prices far in excess of requirements under the Government's gas-pricing formula.

In addition, the company has paid back £750 million of the £2.5 billion debt imposed on it by the Government from reserves after only four months in the private sector.

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Sir Denis, the Gas chairman: 'a considerable achievement'

Lawson plays down fears on credit growth

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said last night that the strong growth of credit in the economy gave no cause for alarm and did not point to a resurgence of inflationary pressure.

Mr Lawson, in a speech to the Finance Houses Association annual dinner, also rejected the idea of a re-introduction of credit controls to rein back borrowing.

Such controls, he said, were now an "ineffective weapon" and their only effect would be to impose damaging distortions without influencing monetary conditions.

The Chancellor said private borrowing had increased as public borrowing had fallen. The increase in private borrowing, he suggested, was due to rising home ownership, the strength of corporate investment, and the removal of hire purchase and other controls.

Consumer credit as commonly understood represented only 15 per cent of personal sector debt, he said, and within this less than 5 per cent of debt was credit card borrowing.

"The fact is that many people use their credit cards simply as charge cards, as a convenient means of payment," he said.

The Chancellor welcomed the code of practice. Mr Hazlehurst said he saw it as a way of enabling consumers to recognize those organizations which were responsible lenders and those which were not.

The Chancellor said one serious cause for concern was the higher incidence of repayment difficulties among borrowers. But, he said, only 0.3 per cent of building society loans ran into arrears problems last year, and there were signs that the problem was easing slightly.

The responsibility for ensuring a continued improvement in this area lay with both borrowers and lenders, Mr Lawson told the association.

"I see no reason at present to be alarmed at the growth of private borrowing in this country," Mr Lawson concluded. "You can be sure that the Government will be monitoring the position constantly and will act to contain any inflationary pressures that might emerge."

Mr Ray Hazlehurst, chairman of the Finance Houses Association, said his association will introduce a code of practice within the next month. The code will include the setting-up of an independent arbitration scheme to deal with consumers' complaints.

The Chancellor welcomed the code of practice. Mr Hazlehurst said he saw it as a way of enabling consumers to recognize those organizations which were responsible lenders and those which were not.

JW rise

Disposals of undisclosed stakes in companies which had been possible bid targets for John Waddington, the packaging, printing and games group, generated extra profits of £71.2 million in the year to April 4.

Total sales rose 34 per cent to £131.7 million, profits 90 per cent to £12.225 million from £6.413 million, and the dividend is to be increased from 5.09p a share to 6p.

Tempus, page 22

Salvensen up

Christian Salvensen, the food processing and distribution group with additional interests in industrial and marine concerns, has reported a pretax profit of £42 million (£38.8 million) for the year ended March, and expects further profits growth this year.

The total dividend is 3.625p a share (3.25p) for the year. Tempus, page 22

US growth boosted 4.8%

From Our Correspondent Washington

The US economy grew by a robust 4.8 per cent in the first quarter on expanded exports which pushed growth to the highest level in three years.

Government officials said the gross national product's higher-than-anticipated boost was due largely to a narrowing of the record trade deficit. The first-quarter figures compared with 1.1 per cent growth in the final quarter of last year.

Inflation, however, increased sharply as expected to 4.2 per cent, against a 0.7 per cent increase in the final quarter of 1986. Officials predict inflation of about 4.4 per cent for the year.

Few economists, however, expect growth to remain as robust for the year, despite signs that the economy is rebounding in response to the lower dollar.

CBI plans new radical role in drive for industry success

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry is starting a radical course in which government policies are left largely unchallenged and business takes a more positive role in promoting economic success.

A strategy for the 1990s, drawn up by Mr John Banham, the CBI's new director-general, says: "The result of the general election gives us a period of stability. It is no longer necessary to fight battles that have been won."

Members agreed there was a need to be positive. They did not want to be part of a "whinging" organization but one that offered direct solutions to problems that must be removed for increased prosperity.

Mr Banham's priorities - calling for action on subjects ranging from education to inner cities - clearly reflects his hope of increasing CBI membership and influence.

Some leading CBI members, however, expressed concern at yesterday's policy-making council meeting that such a radical change of direction was dangerous.

Mr Banham's prediction that "there should be less need to challenge broad government policy with which members are generally in sympathy" produced vociferous disagreement.

The CBI director-general, in a statement after the meeting, said: "It was said there will remain areas of policy where the CBI will fall out with the Government and members were challenging the view that all our battles are over."

"The CBI will need to continue to broaden its focus, putting forward solutions to tomorrow's problems, and persuading its members to take action to improve their management performance."

Mr Banham, a former head of the Government's Audit Commission, added it was important the CBI retain its "political lobbying clout".

The strategy document is to be reviewed and presented to the council by Mr Banham for final approval on July 29.

A key element of his strategy is starting high-level task forces along the lines of the CBI's City-industry group, chaired by Sir David Nickson, the CBI president. Chairmen and chief executives would serve on the task forces.

Mr Banham's seven-point strategy calls for business and government action to reform secondary education; establish closer links with higher education; improve skills training; attract private funding into public infrastructure projects; encourage more investment in research and development; counter the high cost of housing in the South-east; and to encourage Whitehall, local councils and the public sector to "think British".

ABP goes to Thomson

By Joe Joseph

The remarkable buying fever that has been sweeping the publishing industry over recent months reached a new pitch yesterday when International Thomson Organisation emerged as the mystery suitor of Associated Book Publishers, with an agreed takeover bid valuing ABP at a dizzy £210 million.

The victory by the Canadian publishing, travelling, and energy group in a keenly contested auction capped two weeks of speculation, which began when ABP announced it had received a bid approach.

Mr Michael Turner, deputy chairman and managing director of ABP, said yesterday: "For us it's the best possible result, in that International Thomson will give us the backing for the development that we have already planned."

ABP, which embraces Methuen, Routledge & Kegan Paul, and Eyre & Spottiswoode, was expected to fetch around £100 million to £150 million, and its shares were 273p.

But as the rumoured list of would-be bidders swelled, ABP's share price ballooned, jumping another 40p yesterday to 715p.

The initial approach was received by Westover Nominees, a Bahamas company representing the interests of the Crosswaite Eyre family trust, which controls 35.5 per cent of ABP's ordinary shares.

Thomson secured around 36 per cent of ABP on Tuesday at its cash offer price of 730p. The shares were thought to be the holding of the Eyre family trust. After the ABP board agreed to vote its 1 per cent holding, and recommended the offer, Thomson picked up 4.13 million shares in the market yesterday.

Oxford earnings 'will fall'

By Michael Tate

Profits at the Oxford Instruments Group will fall this year, Mr Barrie Marson, the chairman, predicted yesterday. Sales of X-ray scanners, which use Oxford's magnetic resonance systems, continue to slide, he said, and will not pick up until the industry produces a cheaper product, which could take another 18 months.

However, the company also revealed it had completed a deal that could lead to sales of between £500 million and £1 billion in the 1990s. It has developed a small-scale electron storage ring, which permits the production of semi-conductors in large quantities by speeding up the source of infra-red light. It has sold the prototype to IBM.

"We regard this as a tremendous accolade for a development we believe could prove more significant than our breakthrough in magnetic resonance 10 years ago," said Mr Marson, who will hand over the reins at the company to Sir Austin Pearce, the retiring British Aerospace chairman.

WPP boost in takeover

The WPP Group's bid for JWT Group, the US advertising and public relations company, received an encouraging boost yesterday when JWT said that it was prepared to consider a higher offer from WPP. Discussions have opened between the parties' advisers - Morgan Stanley for JWT and the First Boston Corporation for WPP.

WPP has already put on the table a \$460 million (£281.5 million), or \$45 a share, offer. However, on Tuesday it said that it would be prepared to increase this to \$515 million, subject to certain conditions.

Interim £72m for tunnel

Eurotunnel yesterday announced a £72.5 million interim financing agreement with a group of 10 banks and institutions to fund the Channel tunnel until the £750 million public share issue in the last quarter of this year.

It will take the form of a loan facility in French francs and sterling, which will be repaid from the proceeds of the public share offering.

M André Benard and Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairmen of Eurotunnel, said: "This interim financing provides working capital for the company to maintain momentum to the end of 1987"

The French banks providing the financing are Banque Indosuez, Banque Nationale de Paris and Crédit Lyonnais, Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole and Caisse de Dépôts et Consignations. The British banks are Midland, Robert Fleming, Morgan Grenfell and SG Warburg, Belgamanche, a Belgian institution jointly owned by Société Générale de Belgique and Société Nationale d'Investissement is also included in the deal.

Congress bid to close 'insider' loopholes

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Congress yesterday proposed the first legal definition of insider trading violations to provide the investment community and investigators with a better system to prosecute offenders.

Two senior Senate members introduced the controversial legislation as the Reagan Administration announced it had found a candidate to succeed Mr John Shad as the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He is Mr David Ruder, a law professor who is known for his conservative approach to securities issues. The former dean of the Northwestern University Law School is active in the securities section of the American Bar Association and has written extensively on investment-related issues.

The White House has been searching for a successor to Mr Shad since March but has been rebuffed by several well-known officials.

The Bill introduced yesterday by Senator Alphonse D'Amato of New York and Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan, was designed to clarify existing law and close loopholes.

The legislation would make it illegal to either receive or pass on private information related to securities trading, even if an individual did not use it for personal gain.

The Bill strengthens existing laws by stating that illegal insider trading constitutes the misappropriation or theft of confidential information which affects shares prices.

Both senators are members of the securities Subcommittee which has responded to requests from the SEC and law enforcement officers to clarify existing law.

Names must reach decision on £135m PCW formula

Lloyd's faces a test of nerves

By Our City Staff

It has come down to a test of nerves at Lloyd's, as the deadline nears for those underwriting names entangled in the PCW scandal to decide whether they will give their blessing to the £135 million formula drawn up by the insurance market to end the damaging affair.

With just one day left for names to accept the settlement proposals, those at the heart of the scandal - which has been described by Mr Peter Miller, the market's chairman, as "one of the most shameful episodes in the history of Lloyd's" - still cannot be sure how the dice will fall.

The worst-hit victims face a bill of more than £240,000. As those names most out of pocket quibble about the calculations, and threaten to take their grievances to the courts unless Lloyd's comes up with better terms, the final stages of the negotiations have become a game of bluff and counter-bluff.

who are accepting are not doing so with a smile and a 'thank you'.

"I, for one, am fed up with the whole thing and want to get on with my life. It's a combination of being able to afford what they want me to pay, and being fed up with the whole thing and not being willing to litigate here, there and everywhere all over the world - even though I feel the case could be won."

This name, a lawyer, feels Lloyd's will try to reach a settlement with those names who choose to take the case to court. "But it will take a year, two years, three years. I, for one, haven't got the time."

Sir Ian Morrow, chairman of Additional Underwriting Agencies (No 3), a company set up to protect the interests of names tied up in the PCW syndicates, has always recommended the offer.

"The main worry, for some people, is how they could raise the money," says Sir Ian. "From that point of view the scheme has been well accepted."

Except, that is, by some members of the PCW 1985 Committee, which speaks for 450 of the hardest-hit victims of the non-marine syndicates.

Many of them feel they have been given too little time to evaluate the proposals. They are unhappy with the way their obligations have been calculated, and complain that the dollar's fall against sterling has produced a windfall gain for the syndicates because most of the losses stem from US claims. This, they say, should lessen the final bill for the names.

"My feeling is that we have been so defrauded that we should not have to pay anything," says Mr Gerard Wright, QC, a name with substantial liabilities under the settlement terms. He will not be assenting to the Lloyd's offer tomorrow. "I am willing to pay something to get shot of the whole affair and get back to a normal life. But being asked to pay what I am being asked to pay is unfair and quite disproportionate to what is needed to meet the losses."



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BUSINESS SUMMARY

14 more TSB workers are disciplined

Another 14 employees of the Trustee Savings Bank have been suspended or dismissed in connection with the TSB's public share offer last year.

A spokesman for the bank said that those disciplined were "isolated, individual cases".

£1.6m profit for Lookers

Lookers, the car distributor where T. Cowie owns 14.9 per cent, produced profits of £1.636 million in the six months to end-March, compared with £1.252 million last time.

US bank calls for Tokyo aid

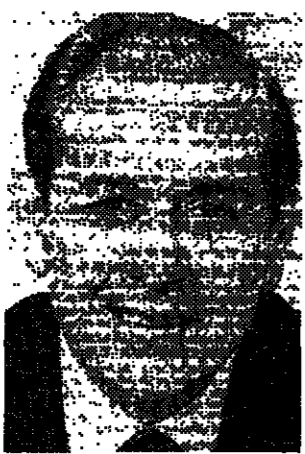
BankAmerica Corp, the US banking group, has called a meeting of Japanese banks in Tokyo to solicit help in bolstering its capital base.

BHP in growth plans

BHP, Australia's largest company, and subject to persistent takeover speculation because of the near 30 per cent holding by Mr Robert Holmes à Court and a 20 per cent holding by Mr John Elliott of Elders Inc.

Rex Williams price warning

Rex Williams Leisure, the snooker equipment group, yesterday sought to dampen speculation that has driven the share price from 25p to 35p this month.



LIT advances to £6m

The London Investment Trust, the large futures and options player which earns half its profits in US trading, shook off the effects of the falling dollar in the year to end-March to produce profits up from £4.752 million to £6.015 million.

LIT's main US operating arm, Shaktin Trading, recovered from the previous year's profit setback and the opening of the New York office, which makes it a full member of the city's leading futures exchanges.

STOCK MARKET

Shares continue record run and top 1,800 for first time

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Still drawing strength from last week's Conservative election victory, share prices continued their record-breaking run yesterday with the FT 30 share index breaching the 1,800 mark for the first time ever.

It finished 72.2 up at a record 1,801.7, having been 10.8 higher earlier in the day. The broader FT-SE 100 index also closed below its best levels with a rise of 11.4 at a highest-ever 2,320.4.

Dealers reported good, two-way trade with the domestic fund managers more than a match for the sporadic selling of their Japanese and American counterparts.

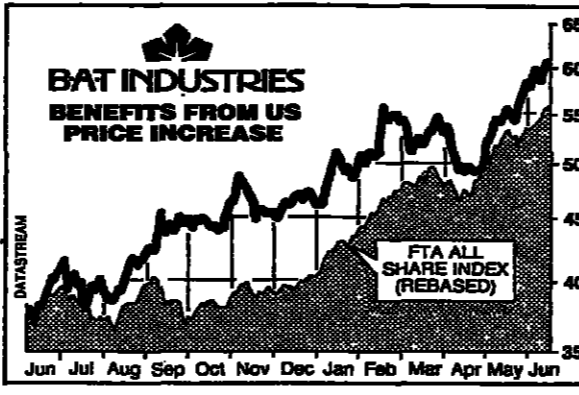
Currency movements were again benefiting the big overseas earners, many of which hit new peaks. There was solid support for Glaxo, 31p higher at £17.85.

United Biscuits firmed by 2p to 337p on talk of another bullish lunch with brokers.

Meanwhile, Reed International, the paper and publishing group, surged by 41p to a high of 529p on bid hopes.

Shares of BAT Industries, the diversified tobacco group, came within a whisker of their high, closing 13p up at 604p, following a visit by BZW, the broker.

If the performance of these two subsidiaries is anything to go by, the shares look set for a rise with BZW reporting that profit growth at Argos continues apace.



Expect exciting times soon at Kennedy Smale, which last month raised £3.4 million with a rights issue at 170p.

was involved in the latter stages of the Conservative Party's campaign and is now embroiled in a slanging match with Saatchi & Saatchi, the official Conservative Party advertising agency.

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likely to continue. The volume of sales to date is up 25 per cent and the company is confident that it will continue at that level.

The pattern is much the same as at Wiggins Teape with the main driving force being provided by a continued growth in the carbonless paper market.

Additionally, the news that Brown & Williamson, its US company, has increased cigarette prices by \$1.25 (76.5p) per thousand for most brands and by a massive \$1.50 for generics, provided a further stimulus with hopes that B&W's good export sales growth to the Far East would show no signs of abating.

Deals in Williams Holdings, the mini-conglomerate run by Mr McGowan and Mr Rudd, resumed in the wake of the company's agreed, £285 million bid for Reed International's Crown Paint and Polycell do-it-yourself division and the close was 17p higher at 842p.

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TEMPUS

Gas gives out a warm glow

It is quite usual for companies in new issues to err on the side of caution when making profits forecasts in the prospectus, not only to allow for contingencies, but also to bring a glow of pleasure to their new shareholders by overshooting.

On that basis, British Gas's shareholders should be feeling thoroughly warmed by their company's first-year performance. It managed to report a pro forma after-tax result of £84.4 million, exceeding its forecast by a cool £109 million, leaving not a few, including presumably HM Treasury, wondering how everybody managed to get it quite so wrong.

Analysts had been upgrading their forecasts since the shares came to the market, but none came within £50 million of the eventual outcome except on an official basis during the last few days.

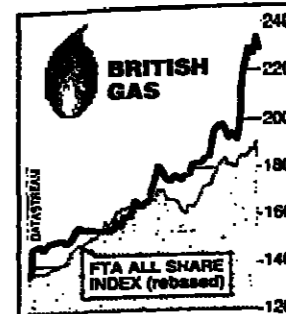
Demand took off very strongly, both domestically, in new central heating installations, and in the industrial sector, where last winter's rise in the oil price from \$15 to \$18 a barrel restored gas's competitive edge against oil.

Meanwhile, margins in the industrial sector widened as the 1986 oil price collapse gradually worked its way into gas pricing contracts. The weakening US dollar also helped to reduce the costs of Norwegian gas.

British Gas's gas costs still do not reflect the full drop in the oil price and the cost of gas supplies will fall further this year.

Higher volumes and lower interest charges should enable the company to make around £800 million, according to Mr Mike Unsworth, oil analyst at Smith New Court.

The prospective multiple is under 12, while the yield is an attractive 5.3 per cent gross. The share price will not double again, but, with the gearing of the partly paid form, should be a rewarding investment.



Christian Salvessen

There seems little in the short term to make Christian Salvessen shares get up and run but there remains a case for buying the shares and putting them in the deep freeze for, say, six months.

The share has been a heavy underperformer recently. But the healthy balance sheet — the benefits of which must come through soon from two years of high capital expenditure — and the determination to expand along its core route through expansion and acquisition should, in time, make the market sit up.

The real message from the year-end announcement is not that pretax profits rose from £38.3 million to £42 million, but that profits from continuing operations advanced 18.6 per cent to £35.4 million.

At last Christian Salvessen is liberalizing its depreciation policy, a change which would have made a positive £3 million impact had it been implemented in time for last year's results.

Net cash balances of £35 million give the group flexibility for a range of acquisitions, in Britain and abroad.

Pretax profits of £50 million should be within reach in 1988, to put the shares on a modest price earnings ratio of 14.3 — a level which does not fully reflect the quality of underlying earnings.

Waddington fit

Mr Victor Watson, chairman of John Waddington, and Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, were addressing separate audiences in Holborn, London, yesterday.

Maxwell was at his annual meeting and Mr Watson was meeting analysts to discuss his latest performance.

The reason Mr Maxwell was not doing all the talking was apparent from the profits of Waddington, which he failed to take over after a strenuous battle two years ago.

Pretax profits, up from £6.4 million to £12.2 million, show that Waddington has proved no slouch at the takeover game and has qualified for the renaissance league.

The strength of the balance sheet, with net liquid funds of £12 million, indicates further

bid action — probably in the US where its Comet purchase has proved successful — will not be too long in coming.

The 34 per cent increase in sales included a 15 point contribution from existing businesses, indicating a successful internal fitness campaign, although acquisitions represent an important element of Waddington's growth.

A real penchant for innovation is emerging in this and other Waddington divisions which could provide as yet unheralded expansion.

The shares, at 32.5p, are on a historic p/e of 20, on earnings per share up from 10.17p to 16.26p. That is not asking too much for a company which has learned valuable lessons, and how to apply them.

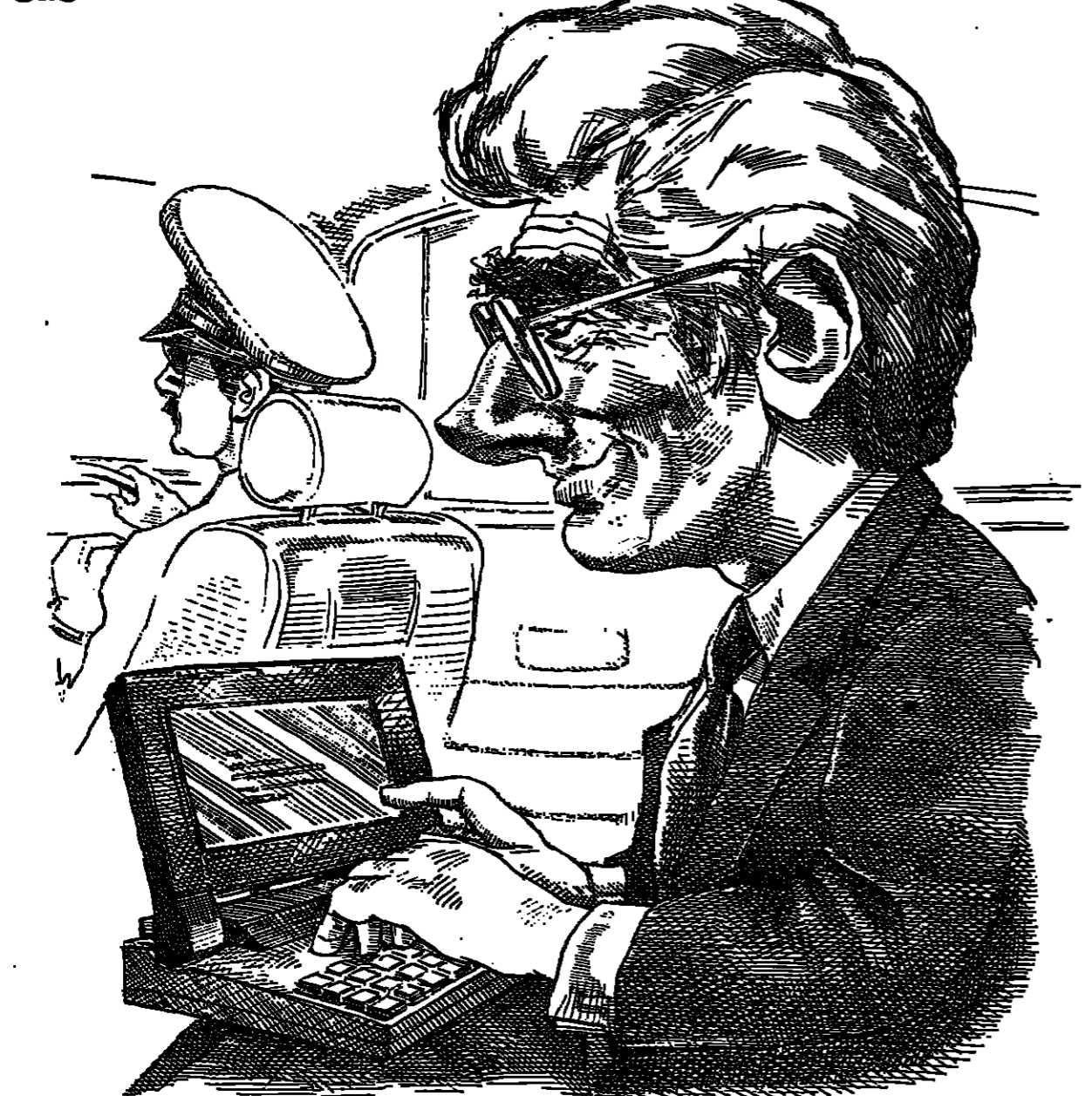
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WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) — The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 4 points to 2,411.35 in early trading yesterday. Shares drew support from their rise to a record level on Tuesday. Steady dollar and bond markets also provided underlying support, but the

coming Triple Witching Hour added a sense of caution. Rising shares outnumbered declining ones by five to four on a volume of 21 million shares. ATT led the list of active shares, with a gain of 27%.

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Public... cuts and



# Public spending key to tax cuts and Tory third term

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

The Thatcher Government's relationship with public spending has been a long process of aligning aspiration with reality. This week, a new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Major, took over as the Government's spending supremo. He has many of the necessary qualities for this impossible job, including determination, capacity for detail and wide political sympathies.

In setting out his strategy for the third Thatcher term, Mr Major will in some ways have a easier task than his predecessors. The starting point must continue to be the need for a gradual reduction in spending as a proportion of GDP so that the burden of taxation can go on being reduced.

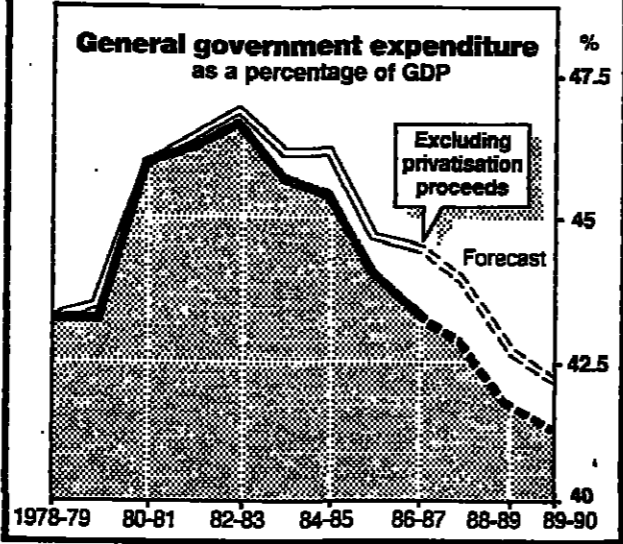
But he will not be faced with the task of also helping to find room for reductions in the level of government borrowing. As Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, made clear in the Budget, the public sector borrowing requirement, at 1 per cent of GDP, is now stable at a level where it will not add to the stock of debt as a proportion of the economy even when inflation has dropped to zero.

Pressures will build up when the stream of privatization proceeds starts drying up. But that looks to be a problem for Mr Major's successor. Water and electricity privatization alone could raise £20 billion and there is another £10 billion of minority holdings in BT and BP. Looking ahead, privatization of steel, parts of coal and possibly Rover are not out of the question.

Against this, the longer public spending is held below the rate of growth in the economy the more difficult it is to continue doing so. Finding reductions becomes more difficult as the easier options are exhausted, and at the same time, the pressure for increases builds up.

Public sector workers push

## ECONOMIC VIEW



for pay rises to catch up with the private sector. A widening gap between private affluence and a slower rate of improvement in public services multiplies calls for more public investment. And as people grow richer the demand for certain services, provided by the public sector — particularly health and education — tends to grow disproportionately faster.

This year, the task of sticking to the public spending totals set out in the January White Paper, while difficult, does not look impossible. Mr Major inherits a planning total for next year of £154.2 billion before any subsequent adjustments. Additions to this of about £1 billion have been agreed during the run-up to the election, including £400 million extra for nurses' pay, £100 million for the European Airbus and £200 million for housing benefit to cover the 20 per cent of poll tax the poorest will now not have to pay.

Included in the planning total is a reserve of £5.3 billion, part of which can be allocated to finance increases in programmes, but the Treasury would be unwise to cut the reserve by more than £2 billion to £3.3 billion — the figure included in the present

the local authorities, which has been difficult to control, is made easier by higher house prices and bigger receipts from the sale of council homes.

Some of these bids for extra spending could in principle be accommodated by offsetting cuts elsewhere, but the lesson of past surveys is that ambition always runs a very long way ahead of performance when it comes to achieving reductions in public spending.

In a purely arithmetic sense it would also be possible to make the books balance by increasing privatization proceeds since these count as negative expenditure.

There remains the problem, if public spending can be kept to a declining percentage of GDP in the medium term, of how to match this falling trend to rising expectations.

The only way of performing the conjuring trick is to obtain more out of what goes in. There are several ways of doing this. One is by simply improving management systems and incentives. The Financial Management Initiative has at least focused public sector managers' minds more on costs while a modest experiment has been made with incentive payments in the civil service, but there is a long way to go.

Another priority is to extend the principle of charging for public services. If customers will not buy services such as those provided by Government laboratories or tourist agencies, it is a fair bet that they are not worth providing or at least would be more efficiently provided in the private sector. Contracting out provides a way of switching to the market sector while still retaining full control of the service by the State and has much further to go not only in local government but also in defence, the health service and education.

None of these changes will come about without long-term planning and a careful musing of political support. The best time to start is the beginning of a new Parliament.

# Property company springs a surprise

By John Bell, City Editor

Countryside Properties, one of the prime beneficiaries of the South-east housing boom, surprised the City with interim profits more than trebled to £4.2 million. Mr Alan Cherry, the chairman, says the sharp advance arose from a continuation of soundly based business strategies. But he admits that Countryside's operations are very much in the right place at the right time.

Half-year profits topped the record £4.151 million for the whole of the previous financial year. Housebuilding contributed £4.4 million of the £5.3 million gross profit before overhead expenses. Countryside offers shareholders no comparative profit figures, but in turnover the residential side grew by 50 per cent in the half-year. This indicates that a considerable part of the surge in profits was due to higher prices in the London suburbs.

Commercial division profits made a contribution of £809,000 to gross profits, considerably higher than last year, though no comparisons are available.

With the share price up 97p yesterday to 1130p, the board has decided on a one-for-three scrip issue which will make the price more manageable for small investors. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 0.63p per share, up 12 per cent on last year.

Prospects for the future look attractive. The company has entered a new phase in its growth and the results for the first half-year are an indication of this, said Mr Cherry in his interim statement. Full-year profits are expected to show a "substantial" improvement on last year's record. Analysts were yesterday pencilling in £8 million to £10 million.

The group's mix of high-quality residential building, commercial and industrial development, with a growing investment portfolio, is almost all based in the eastern sector of the south-east region, where Mr Cherry expects economic growth to be among the highest in Britain for some time.

The influence of the M25 motorway, the development of London's docks and the expansion of Stansted Airport are factors that provide Countryside with prospects for considerable growth. Another bright point for Countryside arises from the new Government's determination to tackle housing problems

# COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

## The vital questions for Lloyd's waverers

Lloyd's of London is being even more secretive than usual over the progress of its offers for a final solution to the PCW affair, which has blighted public perceptions of the world's leading insurance market and the personal lives of many names for so long. It appears, though, that as tomorrow's deadline approaches, the tide of opinion inside the market is running swiftly in favour of the view that sufficient acceptances will be in hand to allow the rescue to proceed. In a single afternoon this week, well over £2 million of the £34 million which names have to put up as their part of the rescue package poured in. On that basis, Lloyd's ruling council may even be able to announce tomorrow that something close to the crucial 90 per cent backing from names has been safely gathered in.

The waverers and those still determined to refuse the offer should at this eleventh hour ask themselves two vital questions. First, is there a realistic chance of forcing better terms? And second, what are the consequences of holding out to pursue justice through the courts?

Under the Lloyd's scheme a name with gross liabilities of £1.4 million is being asked for £240,000, which after tax reliefs would effectively be reduced further to around £120,000. In arriving at this position, Lloyd's itself has agreed to stump up £48 million initially, and to

take on the chin any deterioration in the liabilities which may or may not accrue over time. The variability of the eventual outcome, which will not be capable of definitive assessment for years, looks considerable. Even in the few weeks between the announcement of the rescue plan in April and the end of May it emerged that the reinsurance arrangements which were a basic plank of the proposals were by no means as secure as they were thought to be. Liabilities may be perhaps £40 million greater than was calculated originally. Is it at all likely that the third parties putting up £55 million towards the solution would agree to dig yet deeper into their pockets? Would Lloyd's?

The market authorities have already undertaken a course that is deeply unfavourable to those names fortunate enough to have avoided involvement with the fraudsters who milked the PCW syndicates of £40 million. Many hardiners feel that the basic Lloyd's principle of unlimited liability has been strained to breaking point already.

Holding out means endless litigation with no guarantee of eventual satisfaction. More immediately, though, it is by no means certain that Lloyd's would forever continue to provide support in matters such as solvency tests, should a tiny minority opt to refuse the rescue package.

# Safeguarding our secrets

No one wore a bigger smile on Ascot's opening day than Sir Ernest Harrison, prime mover and chairman of Racal Electronics. Sir Ernest is rarely less than ebullient about his business and his optimism is not often misplaced. Naturally, it is the few occasions when his forecasts of better things — usually concerning Racal's American activities — have not been fulfilled that the doubters, detractors and bears remember.

It is true that Racal's radio communications and data communications businesses have performed unevenly but the really significant fact about Racal is the farsightedness of its strategic development. Milgo Incorporated (data communications) has travelled a rocky road since Racal acquired it but the acquisitions of Decca (defence radar and avionics) and Chubb (security) and the successful incursion into cellular radio (Racal-Vodafone) have given Racal a broader business base, new technological and growth dimensions and an improved quality of earnings. None of this is an accident — a fact that became universally recognised recently when Lord Weinstock actually spoke to Sir Ernest Harrison.

Cellular radio is Racal's main growth point: after the formative years of cash

drain, Vodafone is expected to move within the next year into a phase of substantial cash generation and within two years into substantial profit. The joint venture with Plessey, Orbitel Mobile Communications — an effort to secure a bigger share of the fast-developing market in cellular telephone equipment — shows a new confidence and an ambitious eye on the European cellular radio market which is taxiing for takeoff.

The next growth point promises to be in another area, namely security. Racal has some excellent mathematical brains wrestling with the one of the great problems of the computer age — the security of financial and other valuable data processed and transmitted by modern computing and telecommunication methods. There would appear to be no electronically processed data which expert hackers cannot access. Accessed, it may be read, or it may be altered — more likely for gain than out of mere curiosity. The value of company secrets to commercial rivals, the profit potential of an early sight of market-sensitive information, the manipulation of bank records and the scope for exploitation of data is mind-bending. If Racal-Chubb does come up with the data lock — and Sir Ernest is his normal, confident self — bingo.

# Maxwell prepares to fight on for HBJ

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of the British Printing & Communication Corporation, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the rights issue announced on Tuesday was being made "because we are pledged to implement the plan to make BPC one of the world's leading information and communications businesses."

fast over the rest of this decade as it is growing at present. "If we are to benefit we must expand at least to the size I have indicated — £3 billion to £5 billion sales a year with earnings per share to match — by the end of the decade."



Maxwell: "we will not over-pay" for Harcourt Brace

# Leslie Wise to take over Ladies Pride

By Michael Tate

Ladies Pride, the struggling Leicester clothing group, yesterday unveiled details of a reverse takeover deal with Leslie Wise, the unquoted London fabrics group.

Wise is to collect 20 million new shares in Ladies Pride, 70 per cent of the enlarged share capital which will be trimmed to 30.1 per cent through a placing by Kitcat & Aitken & Co, the broker. Mr Leslie Wise, the Wise chairman, who expects profits of £2 million

for the year to end-September against £715,000 last time, will move into the chair.

The move comes shortly after Mr Peter Beswick, the broker, failed to win board representation last month. Mr Beswick, who speaks for just over 10 per cent of the shares but has a larger following, says he is "delighted the board has been stirred into doing something".

# Amstrad system aimed at 'corporate users'

By Carol Ferguson

Amstrad, the consumer electronic company, has not finalized the price of its new personal computer range, due out this month, although Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, said yesterday it would be more expensive than the existing range.

The system should appeal mostly to corporate users. Mr Sugar said: "Some corporate users couldn't entertain using our existing IBM compatible range and we are now offering

them what they want." The new machine offers enhanced graphics, higher display resolution and additional slots for expansion.

The biggest improvement, Mr Sugar said, was in the price. The computer was launched in the US earlier this month and although no immediate European introduction was planned, it is being shown at the personal computer exhibition at Olympia in London from June 30.

# Tennis is the ace day out

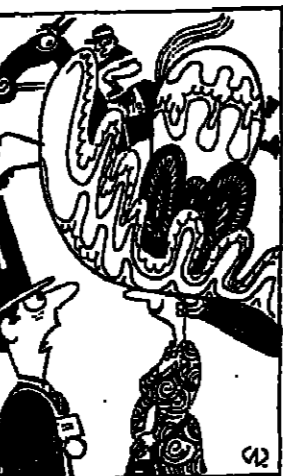
If you have been invited to Wimbledon next week by a company, stockbroker or bank, you must certainly be a prized client. It is on the expensive day out on the corporate entertainment calendar with the cost as high as £555 per person on men's finals day. If your invitation, however, is only for the women's final, you could have cause to feel snubbed — the cost is a cut-price £295, including lunch, champagne and centre court tickets. All in all, British industry now spends more than £50 million a year entertaining its clients, a figure that has risen at least ten-fold during the past five years. Mike Burton, once the bad boy of English rugby, who now runs his own corporate entertainment management business in Gloucester, tells me that Wimbledon and rugby internationals are still the most popular venues — with the Wales v England match the most expensive at £245. A day out at Royal Ascot costs just £125 and the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, another firm favourite, £189. "Companies are now looking for something a little bit different and they are increasingly keen on participation sports like clay pigeon shooting and fly fishing," Burton says.

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### The Wheeler dealer

For Stewart Wheeler, chairman of the I G Index, gambling is his hobby as well as business. The I G Index, which he founded 12 years ago, is essentially a licensed book maker to the City, offering bets on stock market indices, the price of gold and even frozen pork bellies. "It is similar to futures except whereas profits from investments are subject to capital gains tax, you don't pay tax on betting profits," Wheeler explains.

to end or would, if stacked up, be five times the height of Nelson's Column? Answer: The sacks of old Russian



Good heavens, Horatia, the market is not as buoyant as all that

# Floating on water

Privatizing the 10 water authorities in England and Wales will be no easy task during the third Thatcher term, but the Prime Minister appears to have found the ideal team to steer the £6 billion sell-off through — the youthful (54) and energetic Lord Belstead, the new Minister of State at the Environment Department, and Colin Moynton, aged 31, the sports minister, son of a second baron and an Oxford rowing blue. The departmental division of labour, announced yesterday, foresees the noble Belstead in the privatization row, with Moynton in the stern (that is what won him an Olympic silver medal after all!).

# Irish eyes

Kleinwort Grieveson, the stockbroking and merchant banking group, could soon be changing its name\* to Kleinwort O'Grieveson. Lord Donoghue, one time assistant editor of this newspaper and adviser to both Wilson and Callaghan when they were Prime Ministers, seems to have a penchant for female analysts of Irish extraction. Donoghue, now head of research and investment policy at K.G. employs at least seven as analysts, including the likes of Aoife O'Heocha in oils, Aine Kelly in food retailing and Kimlan Ford in stores. He has, however, good cause to feel frivolous — his latest book *Prime Minister* is up to third place in the best seller list.

Carol Leonard

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# Nissan plan to increase UK content of cars

By Edward Townsend

Executives at the Japanese-owned Nissan car plant in the North-east of England are confident of boosting European content of the vehicles to more than 80 per cent because of the yen's high value against the pound.

Japanese currency rise 30 per cent against the pound, has made imported components from Japan more expensive, although the company yesterday declined to say by how much costs had risen.

Local content is calculated as the price the group sells its cars to Nissan UK, the privately-owned distributor company, less the landed cost of components from Japan.

There are also hopes of building a wholly British-designed Nissan car, possibly within the next 10 years.

Under the agreement with the Government, which is pumping £100 million into the Washington, near Sunderland, factory, Nissan Manufacturing UK must lift the level of local content from 50 to 60 per cent, reaching 80 per cent by 1990.

The company has brought forward the second phase of the £390 million Washington project, enabling it to qualify for the Government grant, and by 1991 will have capacity to produce 100,000 cars with Washington-built engines.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Series	Open	High	Low	Close	Est. Vol.
Three Month Sterling	91.24	91.18	91.13	91.19	323
Jun 87	91.23	91.23	91.18	91.22	4567
Dec 87	91.12	91.23	91.12	91.22	299
Mar 88	91.11	91.17	91.11	91.15	113
Jun 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Sep 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 89	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Previous day's total open interest	19082				
Three Month Eurodollar	92.50	92.61	92.56	92.57	3656
Jun 87	92.29	92.31	92.26	92.28	478
Dec 87	92.07	92.07	92.04	92.04	128
Mar 88	91.84	91.86	91.83	91.84	67
Jun 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Sep 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 88	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Mar 89	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Previous day's total open interest	24429				
US Treasury Bond	82.92	83.04	82.16	82.27	4839
Jun 87	82.92	83.04	82.16	82.27	4839
Dec 87	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Short Gilt	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Jun 87	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Dec 87	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Previous day's total open interest	0				
Long Gilt	128.69	128.27	128.09	128.27	74
Jun 87	128.27	128.29	128.24	128.24	2629
Dec 87	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Previous day's total open interest	28292				
FT-SE 100	232.70	232.70	232.00	232.00	1666
Jun 87	232.70	232.70	232.00	232.00	1666
Dec 87	NT	NT	NT	NT	0
Previous day's total open interest	7653				

Mr Ian Gibson, the deputy managing director, said increasing demand in Britain for the Washington Bluebird cars had enabled the factory to increase production to 29,000 cars this year against a planned 24,000.

This has left the parent company in Tokyo with mixed feelings. "They are happy for us," said Mr Gibson, "but an extra 5,000 cars made here is 5,000 less exported from Japan."

The Washington company expects to produce up to 50,000 cars next year and begin exporting in 1988 to the EEC.

Any boost to local content will take the steam out of opposition, particularly from the French, to the Washington cars.

## COMPANY NEWS

● **ADSPRUNG GROUP:** Year to March 31. Total dividend 5.9p (5.4p). With figures in £000: Turnover 24,580 (24,171). Pretax profit 1,772 (1,621). Earnings per share extraordinary 1.7p (1.6p).

● **RANKS HOVIS McDONALD:** Through its US subsidiary, the company has acquired National Preserve (Carragee House Foods), San Jose, California, for \$26 million (£16 million) in cash. National is a leading West Coast producer and distributor of preserves, jellies and peanut butter, with annual sales exceeding \$50 million.

● **YORK TRUST GROUP:** The company has agreed to buy the remaining 65 per cent of London Commodity Futures for an initial consideration of £4.01 million and a deferred price related to profits. The board also plans to raise £5.09 million (net) by the issue of 6.1 million ordinary shares which will also be used to purchase a 50 per cent stake in GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES. The company has bought 38 Finsbury Square and 33/35 Wilson Street in the City of London for £3.4 million.

● **ANGLO UNITED:** The company is reporting for the 17 months to March 31 (compared with the previous 12 months). Total dividend 2p. With figures in £000: Turnover 27,335 (17,279). Pretax profit 4,510 (3,345). Earnings per share 3.3p (2.4p).

● **FREDERICK COOPER:** The company has conditionally agreed to acquire the Lawson Group for \$7.7 million by the issue to the vendors, Crest Nicholson, of 5.13 million new ordinary shares. It has also agreed conditionally to buy the Wet Group for an initial consideration of £400,000 in shares.

● **S&U STORES:** Dividend 2.5p (all) for the year to January 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 37,755 (37,061). Pretax profit 1,242 (632). Earnings per share 6.24p (2.09p). The directors are optimistic that there will be a continuing improvement in profits in the current year.

● **AUSTRALIA INVESTMENT TRUST:** The trust is to raise £15.8 million through a two-for-one underwritten rights issue at 135p a share. Subscribers will also receive one "A" warrant for every five new shares acquired at 143p a share on December 31 from 1988 to 1993.

● **BRADFORD PROPERTY TRUST:** Total dividend 11p (9p) for the year to April 5. With figures in £000: Pretax profit 15,370 (11,852).

● **NOVO INDUSTRI:** Terms have been substantially agreed for the purchase of IQ (Bio), a private company in Cambridge for about £3 million. IQ specialises in diagnostic kits.

● **UDO HOLDINGS:** The company has made a recommendation for a 1.62 million share buyback. The buyback is conditional on UDO shareholders' approval.

● **CAPE INDUSTRIES:** Total dividend 3.3p (2p) for the year to March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 128,806 (137,149). Pretax profit 5,551 (3,331). Earnings per share, basic, 14.1p (8.0p) and fully diluted, 9.5p (5.9p).

● **EQUITY & GENERAL:** Financial dividend 1.05p (0.9p) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 24,670 (22,157). Pretax profit 799 (405). Earnings per share 2.57p (1.07p).

● **WIGGINS GROUP:** The group has agreed to buy two rights issues of up to 2.7 million shares at 75p each. Interim dividend 0.5p (0.45p) for 1987.

● **WATSON & PHILIP:** Interim dividend 2.3p (2p) for the 26 weeks to May 1. With figures in £000: Turnover 87,930 (87,511). Pretax profit 927 (578). Earnings per share 4.7p (3.5p).

● **HELENE OF LONDON:** The company plans to raise about £2.93 million by a rights issue of 11 million shares for 26p each. The issue has been underwritten.

● **PARAMBE:** The directors propose to raise about £1.62 million (net) through a one-for-one rights issue of up to 2.7 million shares at 75p each. Interim dividend 0.5p (0.45p) for 1987.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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Argentina australian	2.9005-2.9138
Australia dollar	2.2618-2.2549
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Brazil cruzeiro	67.7825-68.1840
Cyprus pound	0.7760-0.7800
French franc	2.1107-2.1100
Greece drachma	222.0-224.0
Hong Kong dollar	1.2120-1.2120
India rupee	10.8257-10.8814
Kuwait dinar	0.4329-0.4405
Malaysian dollar	6.0803-6.1200
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New Zealand dollar	2.7518-2.7581
South African rand	3.2883-3.2917
Singapore dollar	3.4684-3.4732
S.Africa rand (m)	3.5152-3.5136
S.Africa rand (c)	3.2883-3.2917
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Singapore	2.1220-2.1230
Switzerland	0.7410-0.7410
Australia	0.7220-0.7225
Canada	1.3406-1.3411
Denmark	1.1810-1.1810
France	6.7100-6.7150
Germany	1.8250-1.8250
West Germany	1.8250-1.8250
Switzerland	1.5150-1.5170
Malaysia	1.6110-1.6110
France	6.0850-6.0860
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## GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

June 18, 1987

**M**anagement education and training is currently undergoing one of the periodic penetrating reviews that from time to time reflect a crescendo of concern about the quality and relevance of the facilities provided, their use and the nature and extent of the involvement with ever-changing company requirements.

The current concern focuses not only on the quality of education and training but also particularly on the quantity: on the number of managers with adequate qualifications employed by organizations throughout the country, and on the amount of training provided by organizations for the further development of their managers.

If quantity is a matter of concern, it is reflected in the fact that two investigations were commissioned at the same time. One, by the Manpower Services Commission and the National Economic Development Office, resulted in Professor Charles Handy's report, *Managers in Five Countries: A New Professionalism*. The other, by the British Institute of Management and the Confederation of British Industry, produced *The Making of British Managers* from the study and the pens of Professor John Constable, a former director-general of the British Institute of Management and former principal of Cranfield Business School, and Mr R. McCormick.

Unless the recommendations of these two perceptive reports are to be ignored in post-election euphoria — or restructuring — the provision and acceptance of management qualifications and the attitude of industry to the provision of developmental training are going to be very different in the future.

The findings of both throw a

necessary spotlight on the worrying size of the gap that has developed between the British approach and that of our trade competitors. Due, many believe, to the complacency and traditional attitudes of many business school academics, and to the myopic neglect of management training by many leaders of industry.

Britain's management education is in a muddle, says Charles Handy. There is much that is good, but no consistency: it is hard for a young person to know how best to prepare himself or herself for management or for a business career. His comparisons with the United States, West Germany, France and Japan show that managers there have been educated to a higher level and many more have had the benefit of formal and systematic policies for continuing education and development. There is little doubt, he says, that Britain has neglected her managerial stock.

Yet, as Professor Constable and Mr McCormick point out, effective management is a key factor in economic growth, but 90,000 people enter management roles every year mostly with no prior formal management education and training. Compared with that number of appointments, the UK produces 12,300 people every year with an undergraduate degree, a postgraduate degree, a Diploma in Management Studies, or a Higher National Diploma in business and management studies.

This report estimates that UK managers receive an average of one day's formal training a year, the spread being very wide! All of which is totally inadequate for today's competitive conditions.

Although the two reports examine the same anatomy, it is perhaps inevitable in view of their respective background persp-

Roy Close: Our management problems could be due to complacency and myopic neglect

## Industry's views on training executives are about to change



Dr Roy Close is chairman of the Broad Street Group and chairman of the board of the Open University Business School. He is a former director-general of the British Institute of Management

lives that the recommended solutions differ — though with some common ground.

Both want to increase the scale of education and training and both would like to see new forms of business qualification. Professor Constable and Mr McCormick propose a new Diploma in Business Administration to be taken, probably part-time, by young people during their first three to four years at work, thus providing a basic literacy in managerial subjects.

Future Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes would be more flexible and modular in structure and integrated with work experience and career development.

Professor Handy proposes a two-part qualification scheme on a professional model. The first part would require the study of the basic subjects needed for a career in management, and a part two would concentrate on the application of these areas of knowledge and the skills of business management leading to an MBA-type qualification.

There is, of course, general recognition in both reports, evident in the careful detail of their findings and recommendations,

that the provision of new qualifications alone will not bring the desirable extensive transformation of the education, training and development of managers in the UK. Changes are required also in such things as the educational base, in the funding of management education, in the attitudes of professional bodies and educational establishments, in teacher training, and in a much closer integration of educational programmes with in-company development schemes.

In the light of the demanding changes that are seen as necessary, it is significant that both reports identify the potential contribution that can be made by one of the most imaginative recent developments — the application of modern distance teaching techniques to management education and training.

Professor Constable and Mr McCormick give the opportunities offered by these techniques more emphasis than Professor Handy; they see open and distance materials as one of the major means of expansion.

A number of teaching establishments, such as the Open Univer-

sity Business School, Henley Management College, Strathclyde University and Warwick University Business School, were quick to recognize the great value of distance teaching methods in offering high-quality education and training courses to large numbers of student managers, courses that could be taken part-time at home or at the place of work.

The positive response by individuals and companies reflects a strong unsatisfied demand and indicates the powerful part that distance teaching, properly supported, can play in changes recommended in these two reports.

It is in the rapid development of the Open University Business School that the contribution of distance learning to management training on a large scale is best illustrated. Since the Open University Business School offered its first course in 1984, more than 11,000 student managers have taken one or more of the courses, and this year nearly 7,000 are taking the courses.

Students can take the courses — in effective management, finance and accounting, marketing, managing change, managing people and so on — separately or as part of

a programme leading to the University's Professional Diploma. Shortly, a programme leading to an MBA will be offered by the new School of Management.

Interestingly, more than 60 per cent of the "students", a large number sponsored by their employers, take the courses in order to improve their performance and prospects or to update their skills and knowledge. The range of managerial levels that are attracted to these methods of learning is wide: one-half of them are middle and senior managers, one-half junior.

The age range is also widely spread: 20 per cent are between 26 and 30 years; nearly 50 per cent between 31 and 40; and 20 per cent between 41 and 50. Again, students from a wide range of employer-sizes find common satisfaction in distance learning: 26 per cent come from organizations with up to 250 employees; 30 per cent from organizations of between 501 and 5,000 employees; and 30 per cent from organizations with more than 5,000.

With the growing acceptability of distance learning and the great advantages of being able to offer high-quality standard courses to

large numbers of students and practising managers in a vividly presented way (the Open University Business School courses are "multi-media" distance-taught involving television, video cassettes, audio cassettes, and written material, with tutors available throughout a wide regional network), many believe that these methods represent the greatest contribution to management education and training since the establishment of business schools themselves.

The Constable-McCormick report's strong recommendation for further support for the development of Open University Business School courses and distance learning materials is obviously warmly welcomed at the Open University. However, it remains doubtful whether the full potential contribution that these methods can make to the required expansion and restructuring of management education and training is appreciated beyond a relatively small group of convinced enthusiasts.

Thus there is a danger that the opportunity they offer will be inadequately accepted at vital stages that must follow the publication of these reports. For the next stages will be even more difficult than the careful analysis and considered proposals so far provided.

The reports have now to be considered by an appropriate body that can reconcile points of difference and produce a compatible and acceptable set of recommendations for implementation. The role and responsibility of that body, which must be carefully balanced, will be crucial.

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Heathrow, one of the world's premier airports, is a pulsating day-time "town" handling up to 1,000 flights between 6am and 11pm. This year 32 million passengers will use it: 12 million will pass through Terminal 1.

Debby Bond, aged 33, is one of the duty managers working shifts. Dressed in an unflattering brown uniform, she carries a large file and a radio; she's "Bravo 1".

Her radio buzzed. A passenger, Mr Jekyll, was missing - unless he reappeared, luggage stowed aboard a flight would have to be taken off. She can give permission to hold a plane, to evacuate the terminal in an emergency - once caused by a child's wind-up toy ticking in a bag - and supervises 631 staff from porters to engineers and administrators.

Debby regards Terminal 1 as an extension to her home. "My favourite hours are after 5pm when day-time staff leave and the terminal is truly mine. Lots of people want this job," she added, noting her qualifications in business studies and personnel management and her intention to remain with British Airports Authority (BAA plc) - and "going into personnel or commercial property in the future."

BAA screened a series of evocative Biggles-to-Concorde television advertisements before the General Election plans delayed publication of privatization details. The intention was to present the public with a clear image of BAA, subdivided into limited companies responsible for seven airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow,

**Expansion likely in new areas**

Edinburgh, Prestwick and Aberdeen. Together they handle 75 per cent of all UK passengers (about 55 million) and 85 per cent of air cargo.

BAA is the landlord with responsibilities for ensuring safety for airlines on the ground (70 use Heathrow), security, passenger comfort and facilities to provide efficient throughput. Airlines and passengers pay dues; the company has to be profitable. BAA owns and leases shops, cafes, car parks and develops new facilities. Stansted is growing apace; Gatwick's new North Terminal will open in 1988. Privatization is expected to lead to dramatic expansion with growth into related areas, notably hotels. Rumour has it that BAA has been buying land around the airports for years.

Today, BAA staff nationally number 7,000 plus (nearly 3,700 at Heathrow), but unlike firms of similar size the variety of jobs is incredibly wide, from engineering and bird-scaring to designing computer systems, cargo handling, commercial and financial management, marketing and public relations.

Junior entry can be by the Youth Training Schemes which cover air freight forwarding, warehousing and distribu-



Debby Bond: on the walkie-talkie

**Ann Hills on the jobs an airport has to offer**

tion and office and reception practice. Heathrow has a Job Centre which offers basic jobs and short-term summer-time vacancies throughout the airport.

The junior management training scheme, for 18 to 21-year-olds with an A-level or equivalent diploma, lasts two years. The graduate trainee scheme is for three years without the guarantee of a job at the end.

During 1987 between 15 and 20 graduates are likely to be accepted, eventually specializing in civil, electrical and electronic engineering, in quantity surveying, airport management, finance.

Liz Draper, aged 23, is a graduate trainee who found Gatwick a ready source of seasonal work as a student, not far from home in Brighton. "I started in the staff canteen, then became a clerk. My father was a pilot, and though I had fanciful ideas of following him, it is difficult to get the training and sponsorship."

Instead, with a degree in geography from Goldsmith's College, she applied for the graduate scheme and joined in October 1985, after an interview at British Airports Services. She spent the first months of the three training years doing the rounds in sections concerned with manpower and security, statistics, planning and development. On the practical front, she helped improve the signing system for onward travel at Heathrow, and "did a project on equal opportunities."

Today she's working in public relations, from offices overlooking North Terminal, under construction. She earns around £9,500. Next comes a posting to Terminal 2 at Heathrow. "Airports are dynamic: this is a young, ambitious, growing industry associated with the fascinating technology of flight."

Land-based technology is Tim Warren's sphere as manager of management information systems at Heathrow Airport Ltd, which really means conceptualizing and implementing the computer needs of this airport's numerous departments.

Aged 35, Tim has a maths degree from

Oxford and a post-graduate qualification in operational research from Sussex, but he had to learn to talk computers at ground floor level. He now heads a fast-growing team spreading machine efficiency through sectors from commercial management to press and public relations where Francis Aldridge and her colleagues are finding their technology needs under discussion.

She, however, is more concerned to keep the national press photographers and reporters happy with human subjects, from rescued hostages to Joan Collins. Frances, a former journalist, regards herself "as a bridge between management and public". As a press officer, who usually works until 8.30pm, she says: "We feel that Heathrow is a public place, and we are not in the business of avoiding press interest, but we don't comment on security. Next to Parliament and the Royals, Heathrow is the most publicized institution in the land."

Frances escorted me to the offices of Bob Young, aged 39, newly promoted business services manager for Terminal 2. "I was born two miles away and got my first job here in 1965 in the Queen's Building." He rose through the ranks and was for years manager in the cargo terminal dealing with freight forwarding.

Today, he is holding a new post, still emerging, overseeing changes from extension of the check-in to the recent opening of the self-selection Choices restaurant. He collates income from shops, examines retailing in terms of

**Technology creating an ambitious industry**

planning ahead, monitors such details as the movement of luggage trolleys and the use of covered passages (air jetties) to the airlines. His boss is the general manager of the terminal. There's variety, challenge and the likelihood of "furthering my career". The snag is that a young lad with O-levels and nothing further would find it hard to aspire to this career pattern.

Duty managers, like Debby, have a charismatic role, but the public may only realize the responsibilities in an emergency. Reg Bye, aged 45, is one of four managers on shifts at Terminal 4. "I've been at Heathrow for 21 years," he says. Now wearing four stripes and two stars on his sleeves, he is used to dealing with human beings from birth to death.

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## Assistant Controller - UK Securities

City to £30,000 plus car and bonus

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Reporting to the Financial Controller UK, you will be encouraged to make a major contribution in developing the financial controls of the firm which will entail close liaison with Directors and senior management.

Applications are invited from graduate Chartered Accountants within the age range of 26 to 32 who have specific experience of working for a securities firm and who may still be in the profession with relevant audit and investigation experience.

The ability to work well under pressure with initiative and flair is essential, as is the ability to communicate effectively at all levels within this informal, and highly professional environment.

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Suitably qualified accountants should send a comprehensive curriculum vitae, with daytime telephone number, in absolute confidence to Andrews Sales FCCA, quoting reference LM894 at Spicer & Pegler Associates, Executive Selection, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.



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Applications are forwarded to the client concerned, therefore companies in which you are not interested should be listed in a covering letter.

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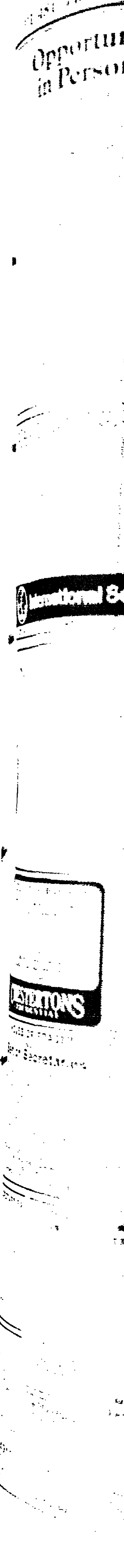
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## Opportunities in Personnel

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Our client is a well-established Lloyds Insurance Broking Company. They now wish to recruit a secretary and an administrator to work in their London Personnel Department.

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Aged 21+, you will be educated to at least "O" level standard and have fast audio and word processing skills. You will be able to work on your own initiative in a pressurized environment and demonstrate a flexible, unflappable approach. Previous personnel experience may be helpful but more important is a bright, and organised personality.

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Probably aged 25+ you will be literate and numerate (at least "O" level educated) and will ideally have some personnel administration experience. You will be responsible for maintaining computerized personnel records and for typing your own correspondence, so keyboard skills are essential. Key factors are the ability to prioritize and meet deadlines with a methodical, accurate approach. You must be able to handle a variety of administrative tasks and work under pressure.

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Please ring Fiona Baker at the British Property Federation on 01 828 0111. Salary: circa £10,000 p.a.

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Applicants will need to have considerable secretarial experience and must be willing to assume responsibility and become involved in all aspects of the Organisation's work, including claims and statistics.

The salary is net of UK income tax, with considerable benefits including 6 weeks annual leave.

Please apply in writing with CV by 10th July to:

THE INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND  
4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR

## International Secretaries

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## Senior Secretaries

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Interested? Ring Lindsay Howie on 01-831 7130 x 4445.

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£9-£10,000

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Educated to 'A' level and with a minimum of 18 months' administrative experience, ideally gained in a marketing environment, you should be literate, highly organised and enjoy working as part of a team.

Please write with full details to  
**Allison McPherson**  
Group Marketing Executive  
Hoskyns Group plc  
130 Shaftesbury Avenue  
LONDON W1V 7DN

## Personnel Secretary/Administrator

As the Charity expands an opportunity has arisen for a bright young secretary to join our busy team.

You will enjoy 40% administration to include full support for the recruitment of staff which will involve you in liaison with all departments of the Charity as well as the general public. Organise and arrange venues for regional recruitment. Also assist in the setting up of new administrative systems; progress these references and deal with general enquiries. Your secretarial content will include typing of contracts and general letters. We wish to involve the new member of our team in all of the departments work, therefore we are looking for someone who is keen to learn and wants involvement, able to use their initiative, at times under pressure. Ideally you will have a good general level of education and sound secretarial and administrative skills. Salary £7,015.

Contact Janet Peiray on 01-235 0235 or send full CV to Help the Aged, Personnel Department, 28 Wimpole Street, LONDON, EC2R 0RE.

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Excellent salary plus benefits offered, based on qualifications. Application with CV to be sent to Mrs Y Norander, Krefling Loeban Odgaard & Sandven, 44/45 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1JB. No Agencies

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

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The candidate with the above qualifications and high degree of commitment will be offered a responsible and exciting position with a wide range of activities and scope for further development.

Applications, with full CV, are invited from experienced candidates aged 25 - 40 to:  
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## HOUSE OF FRASER require Senior Secretaries

We are looking for two experienced Senior Secretaries to work for the Director of Operations and the Managing Director of Fraser Financial Services. Based in our Head Office, Victoria, you will be required to liaise with top management and carry out the full range of secretarial duties.

Good accurate typing and shorthand skills are essential, together with a working knowledge of WP. In return we are offering a salary which reflects these senior secretarial positions together with substantial discount throughout the House of Fraser stores.

Applications and CV should be sent to The Personnel Manager, House of Fraser, 1 Howick Place, London SW1P 1BN

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Must also be a self-motivated ambitious secretary with excellent secretarial skills (shorthand not essential) with bags of initiative and the ability to deal with all aspects of the day to day running of our office.

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Salary £10,000 to £12,000 plus profit share and salary review in December.  
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RUGBY UNION: FRENCH WORRY OVER INJURY TO LINEOUT SPECIALIST LORIEUX

# Jones returns as sole change to All Black World Cup final side

From David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent  
Auckland

Michael Jones, aged 22, the Auckland flanker, returns to New Zealand's team for the final of the World Cup against France at Eden Park here on Saturday. His selection, at the expense of his provincial colleague, Mark Brooke-Cowden, is the only change to the side that disposed of Wales 49-6 in last Sunday's semi-final.

I imagine that the All Blacks would have gone through the knockout stages of the tournament unchanged but for Jones' religious beliefs, which dictate that he does not play rugby on a Sunday. They do, however, have a worry at full back where John Gallagher is limping heavily after a tackle by John Devereux left him with a badly bruised thigh.

Gallagher, the London-born player from Wellington, joined the party for their warm-up exercises at Takahunga on Auckland's North Shore yesterday. Andy Dalton, named as captain of the squad before straining a hamstring in training, is among the replacements.

The French are due to name their side today but there is unlikely to be any change to the XV which beat Australia in Sydney. Brian Lochore, the New Zealand coach, suggested that they will have more survivors - 13 as opposed to 10 - from the last encounter of the two countries, in Nantes in November when France won 16-3, and that France may be considerably better now than they were then.

"How can you not respect the French?" he asked. "I think it will be a fine match." He was less than pleased with the training of his own squad yesterday, particularly when the scrum found itself shunted backwards by the "dirties" (the dirt-trackers, as the replacements and reserve players are always fondly known as on tour). His feelings, confirmed by those of his players who spoke of "picking up the threads" after two days away from training, merely serves to confirm the difference in standards expected by New Zealand and Australia when compared with the four home countries.

Alain Lorieux, France's key lineout jumper, pulled a hamstring during a training session yesterday (Reuters reports). He was in tears as he limped to the dressing-room, and Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, said later that there were serious doubts about his fitness for the final. The session, held in drizzling rain, was not a happy one for Fouroux and his men, rival wings Laisquet and Estève having a scuffle which almost came to blows.

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Dubroca: a rugged leader who has justified Fouroux's faith

# Son of soil leads French crusade

From Chris Thas, Auckland

The rise of Daniel Dubroca to the captaincy of France has been as spectacular as it has been controversial. Dubroca started the 1986 tour of Argentina as the fourth choice prop and stand-by hooker for the captain, Dintaras.

However, Dubroca performed beyond expectations and replaced the seemingly irreplaceable Jean-Pierre Garnier in the pole position at tight half. He had also played a few games at hooker and when Dintaras dropped out injured the French coach, Fouroux, needed to look no further than the tough Agen skipper for a captain.

Like most of Fouroux's decisions, Dubroca's selection as hooker and leader stirred up controversy. But calmly and competently he has silenced his critics, taking France to their fourth grand slam and to the final of the World Cup.

However, despite his remarkable series of successes, the farmer from Marmande, aged 33, has a very sound sense of priorities and views life with the calm detachment of a man of the land. "Your birth predestines everything in life," he said.

"I was born into a farming family. The land, the village, the seasons play an important role in my life. I don't like the town. I left school at 15 because I wanted to be with my father and brother on the farm. I've reached a point where there is balance in my life which allows me to exploit my full potential."

For Dubroca, the famous French wins in Nantes, in the five nations championship and even that against Australia have become only reference points within a larger context. According to him, the final of the World Cup is a completely new

challenge that requires a different approach.

"We have only a 25 per cent chance of winning," he said. "We attach a lot of importance to playing on the home ground. The All Blacks have the normal 50 per cent chance, plus 25 per cent because they play on their own field."

"To win we need a new type of commitment, a superior form of mental concentration. We are immensely fit and eager, the only problem is our spirit. Can we do two in a row? I know that all the hard work we've put into it, the way we've sacrificed our families and personal lives, has been worthwhile. We are in the final and I hope we'll do well."

"I'm not a star myself. I'm just a rugby player who has been given the honour to captain his country. Rugby is a team game and the star is the team. If we win on Saturday it is France, not Dubroca."

# Scots are keeping in touch at Cup final

By David Hands

Scotland's national side may not have made it to the final of the World Cup on Saturday but they maintain a considerable interest. Not only do the Scots provide the two touch judges, Brian Anderson and Jim Fleming, to the game between New Zealand and France but the All Blacks' conditioning coach, Jim Blair, is from Glasgow.

Blair is to New Zealand rugby what Tom McNab has been to England, yet because of the higher standards of player preparation here, he has been able to offer much more to the squad.

"At the top level in any game, players like two things: time and space," Blair said. "I put them in 10-minute grids and pack the grids with cones. The players enjoy it because a ball is involved and they see it as fun but it makes them concentrate and helps their peripheral vision."

Blair is 52 and went to Jordanhill Training College where he studied physical education. Seeing little future at home he emigrated in 1962, taught PE at Rangitoto College in Auckland for nine years and raised a family of five.

Three years ago, he was invited to join two physiotherapists in setting up the Institute of Sports Health here.

His own sporting involvement was largely with football: "I was a very unsuccessful player with Queen's Park and Hamilton Academicals. But soccer has used this principle of restricted space in training for a long time and I have transferred it to rugby."

Blair's initial rugby contact was with Canterbury, where he was coaching under the aegis of a coach, now an All Blacks selector - wanted to see his specific skills. Then John Hart, Auckland's coach, invited him along to work with Tansley and Waikato-Bank. North Auckland and Counties provincial teams as well as the New Zealand cricket team and the Lawn Tennis Association. In January he started to work with the All Blacks, leaving down individual training packages.

"For the last six weeks we have been looking at basic speed, reaction speed, evasiveness. I can see a return already, especially in the players who don't come from Auckland or Canterbury. They feel they are shapers, they feel they are special, they feel they are a valuable commodity in rugby. It's acceleration over five to 15 metres that matters and the development of peripheral vision - and making the players think all the time."

# A Yorkshire context

From Mr Anthony Callan

Sir, Under the headline "Alarm Over Taunts" (June 13), you state that "Yorkshire have apologized to Sylvester Clarke, Surrey's West Indian fast bowler, over the racist abuse he suffered from a section of the Headingley crowd on Wednesday." It is important that what is termed racist abuse should be understood in its Yorkshire context.

Yorkshire have a confident belief that they can grow their own cricketers. Their own county may send envoys with bulging cheque-books to the ends of the earth searching for bowlers and batsmen. Yorkshire simply by the rule that a man must be born in Yorkshire, and live in Yorkshire, if he is to play for Yorkshire. This is a hard rule to follow, especially when the team is in the doldrums, as Yorkshire have been for years.

When one county team after another comes along to challenge our belief in home-grown cricketers, they seem to say: "You can't grow such good cricketers as we can buy abroad." A resentment has built up - largely a weariness at following a harder rule than other counties - a resentment that is not racist at all in its origin, because when they have had a few beers, the only way he thinks he can identify a foreigner is by the colour of his skin.

So Australian, New Zealand and South African players get by but the row breaks out over the luckless West Indian. It is not racism at all. It's the strain of being a puritan. We hope others are not let the term "racist" be applied too loosely.

Yours sincerely,  
ANTHONY CALLAN,  
10 Holgate Bridge Gdns, York.

Cash crisis

From Ms Stan Watkins

Sir, I would like the obnoxious Pat Cash (End Column, June 9) to know that I am as entertained and delighted by the standard of women's professional tennis as am by the men's game. In some cases, as shown at the French Open, the women's final proved to be far more gripping than the men's.

So what if prize-money does Mr Cash think that women should be offered for the "two sets of rubbish" that they provide? Are they only as quarter as good as the men? Should they therefore receive only a quarter of the prize-money that the men receive? Mr Cash seems to believe that prize-money should be related to a player's appeal at the ticket-office. If that sort of rationale were to be applied, a shamer, a player who is not in the world circuit would not survive, including Mr Cash. Davis Cup victories do not buy new Porsches.

SIAN WATKINS,  
Croydon, Australia.

# SPORTS LETTERS

## Antidote to Wimbledon

From Dr D. J. Ames

Sir, Mr Pat Cash (June 9) has got it half right. Women's tennis is rubbish. Unfortunately, men's tennis is pretty dreary, too. What we need during the mind-numbing Wimbledon fortnight is a lot more televised cricket and a lot less of Mr Cash and his colleagues scowling and arguing while the crowd waits sums of money for an afternoon's work.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID AMES,  
76c Fairhazel Gardens,  
NW6.

## Rewrite law of averages

From Mr Philip Webster

Sir, I see that at the top of the table for cricket batting averages we have one R G Williams boasting a batting "average" of 129.00 and yet he has a highest score of 74!

The time has surely arrived to dispense with such stupidity and calculate averages on the number of appearances at the crease. Am I lone voice in this view? Yours faithfully,  
PHILIP WEBSTER,  
76 Townsend Drive,  
St Albans, Hertfordshire,  
NW6.

## No coverage for a classic

From Mr Gary Dickson

Sir, Having risen early several times during the Rugby World Cup for some mediocre tries, I was astonished that such a potential classic as Australia v France was not transmitted live on Saturday by the BBC. This semi-final was a major fixture, probably the most important in the competition after the final itself, and was eagerly awaited. I am sure, by many rugby followers.

That the game turned out to be one of the greatest ever seen, in the eyes of many distinguished critics, made its absence from the screen even more galling. Either this was an incredible oversight by the BBC or else it was another example of that awful trait in these islands of insularity - no British team involved equals distinguished British public being the assumption.

The latter explanation would seem to be borne out by the live showing of the other semi-final, between Wales and New Zealand - a match which never promised to be closely contested, if not surprising that the renewal of the Corporation's contract with the RFU is in doubt, especially after this blunder in the inaugural World Cup. Can you imagine a semi-final in football's World Cup not going out live? Yours faithfully,  
GARY DICKSON,  
61 Station Road,  
Craigraug, Co. Down.

## Undermined

From Mr John Barr

Sir, I would like to thank Michael Stevenson for recalling some amusing moments from the past. He described my howling action as resembling "an enraged Dalek".

On my tour of Australia with MCC in 1984-5 an Australian cricket correspondent wrote: "Warr is to fast bowling what Margot Fonteyn is to coal mining." Such is fame! John Warr,  
Chardham Farm,  
Hotspur, Nr. Maidenhead.

## A far pavilion

From Mrs Janet Allan

Sir, I read with interest Mrs Shirley Robak's letter concerning ladies at Lord's (June 11). Judging by my husband's reaction to her request, and I gather that many other members also, I doubt very much whether her hopes will be realised.

May I add, however, that as the wife of a member, I have been privileged (to) to enter the pavilion after hours of play. I felt most unwelcome, most uncomfortable, and I have no great desire to go there again. Yours faithfully,  
JANET L. ALLAN,  
Hardwick House,  
Caythorpe, Lincolnshire.

# Court of Appeal

# Law Report June 18 1987

# Divisional Court

## Broad approach to taxi licensing apt

Regina v Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Ex parte Sawyer

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Bingham (Judgment June 16)  
The decision of Great Yarmouth Borough Council to remove restrictions on the granting of licences for hackney carriages in the borough was not irrational or based on irrelevant factors.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Dennis Frederick Sawyer, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Hodgson on December 19, 1987 of an application by Mr Sawyer for judicial review.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the applicant was chairman of the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Taxi Proprietors Association. His application concerned a resolution of the transportation committee, made on February 12, 1986 that the council de-restrict the number of hackney carriages operating in the borough. The resolution was ratified by the council on March 4, 1986.

The matter arose from amendments to legislation dealing with the licensing of hackney carriages contained in section 16 of the Transport Act 1985. The policy of the 1985 Act was to restrict the ability of the licensing authority to refuse a licence for the purpose of limiting the number of hackney carriages, except in circumstances where

the authority was satisfied that there was a significant unmet demand for services of hackney carriages. In the words of the judge, it was to remove restraints and to allow market forces to take their course in a way which did not exist before.

Section 16 required the licensing authority to adopt a broad approach to licensing, itself whether it was satisfied that there was no unmet demand in the area as a whole.

Prior to the enactment of the 1985 Act the council's policy was to restrict the number of licences granted. The council's decision to adopt a de-restriction policy resulted in an immediate increase in the number of licences granted.

In support of his case the applicant advanced two principal grounds: (i) that the decision was one which no reasonable licensing authority could reach and (ii) that the transportation committee had taken into account matters which were irrelevant and inappropriate.

Mr Levisser, in general, accepted that the council was the judge as to the law but referred to one passage in the judgment in which he took exception: "an authority which was exercising restriction policy...". It was particularly difficult if what was sought was to show that the authority was bound to maintain its previous policy. The court could only intervene if it was shown that there was no significant demand for hackney carriages which was unmet.

In an appropriate case it would still be open to the applicant to show that the council was drawing attention to the difficulties in the way of an application to quash a decision on that basis. It was always a difficult task for an applicant to persuade a public body that the authority had acted perversely or in a way in which no reasonable authority would act.

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That passage had to be construed not as indicating the impossibility of the court intervening but as being a reference to the practical difficulty of doing so.

Mr Levisser submitted that the judge erred in his adoption of a policy of de-restriction could not of itself be attacked in any circumstances as irrational. He submitted that that was a discretion, albeit limited by the effect of the amending Act but like any other discretion it had to be exercised rationally and, if not, it was open to the court to intervene and quash the decision.

His Lordship apprehended that the judge in referring to the inability to attack the policy in any circumstances as irrational was drawing attention to the difficulties in the way of an application to quash a decision on that basis. It was always a difficult task for an applicant to persuade a public body that the authority had acted perversely or in a way in which no reasonable authority would act.

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Second, it was clear on the material before their Lordships that the judge in referring to the inability to attack the policy in any circumstances as irrational was drawing attention to the difficulties in the way of an application to quash a decision on that basis. It was always a difficult task for an applicant to persuade a public body that the authority had acted perversely or in a way in which no reasonable authority would act.

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Looking at the position on the basis of the material available to the committee when it reached its decision, the position was clear. There was nothing to show that the decision of the committee was irrational. The committee was faced with a new situation, the previous policy had been agreed upon at a time when there was no obligation on the authority to be satisfied that there was no unmet demand.

In his Lordship's view the appeal was bound to fail. In coming to that conclusion his Lordship would emphasize two matters.

First, the role of the judge was extremely limited having regard to the provisions of the Act. The judge in reaching his conclusion was not purporting to express any view as to the merits of the decision of the authority who was given responsibility under the amended licensing legislation to decide whether or not to maintain its previous policy. The court could only intervene if it was shown that there was no significant demand for hackney carriages which was unmet.

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## School governor's dismissal without notice was unfair

Regina v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte Assegai

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Taylor (Judgment June 11)  
A local authority could not dismiss a school governor without first informing him of the proposed dismissal and giving him the opportunity to reply in writing to the complaints made against him.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing two applications for judicial review by Dr Kuba Assegai in relation to resolutions passed against him by subcommittees of Brent London Borough Council without giving him notice or an opportunity to make representations. The resolutions (a) banned Dr Assegai from visiting any council premises and (b) removed him from the post of community governor to the governing body of two high schools.

Dr Assegai had been appointed by the council. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that he rejected the argument that having regard to the wide discretion of the authority in relation to the appointment and removal of governors that governors held office at the pleasure of the authority and could be removed at will.

He preferred to resolve the problem by adopting the approach of Lord Wilberforce in *Malloch v Aberdeen Corporation* ([1971] 1 WLR 1578).

The only possible relationships in which all the requirements of natural justice were excluded were ones in which there was no element of public employment or service, no support by statute and nothing in the way of an office or status which was capable of protection.

It was to be noted that Dr Assegai's appointments had an element of public service, were supported by statute and were of the nature of an office or status. Furthermore, there was the important fact that in purporting to remove Dr Assegai the local authority was exercising a statutory power which Parliament would intend to be exercised fairly and not unreasonably or capriciously and in the interests of the school.

As Dr Assegai had been appointed by the council, LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that he rejected the argument that having regard to the wide discretion of the authority in relation to the appointment and removal of governors that governors held office at the pleasure of the authority and could be removed at will.

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# Sale by mortgagee not a disposal by grantee

Canterbury City Council v Quine

Before Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Nourse (Judgment June 12)  
The recipient of a grant towards the repair or maintenance of a property had not disposed of his interest in the property for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962 where the property was sold by a mortgagee in the exercise of his power of sale under the mortgage.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, John Quine, from a decision of Judge Rooke, QC, sitting at Canterbury County Court on September 25, 1986 giving judgment for the plaintiffs, Canterbury City Council.

Mr David Barker, QC and Mr Roger Chapple for defendant; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Spenser Hilliard for plaintiffs.

Canterbury, obtained under section 1 of 1962 Act amounts totalling £7,395 towards the costs of eligible repairs and renovations.

By March 1985 £5,894 had been received and the balance of £1,501 was received between March and September 1986. On July 14, 1978, after they had made the application for the first grant, the defendant and his partners took out a legal mortgage of the property in favour of Barclays Bank Ltd.

In early 1982 the work had been done on the property but as a result of the prevailing economic circumstances at the time, and in particular the very high interest rates, the partners owned the bank in excess of £130,000 and in March 1982 they applied to the bank for a loan of £100,000 for the purpose of repaying the mortgage.

The partners recognized that the property had to be sold but were unable to find a buyer at a price which would pay off the mortgage. On May 5, 1982 the bank entered into a contract to sell the property as mortgaged under the statutory powers and that sale was duly completed. In July 1982 the plaintiffs

being aware of the sale demanded repayment of the whole amount but that was later reduced to £1,895, being the amount received in 1980 and which was not paid, they commenced proceedings.

Section 2(1) of the 1962 Act provided that if during the three years after a grant was made towards the repair, maintenance or upkeep of any property the recipient disposes of the interest... held by him in the property... by way of sale... the local authority may recover the grant or part of it.

The grant of the sum claimed was made within three years before the property was sold. The question was whether the sale by the bank was for the purposes of section 2(1) of the 1962 Act.

It was true that the interest referred to was the interest of the grantee but the only person who had disposed of the property was the mortgagee. Therefore it was impossible to say that the recipient of the grant had disposed of the property.

That view of the matter was adopted in the principal submissions of Mr Lightman who said that the partners having by their legal charge placed the property at the disposal of the bank or having empowered the bank to dispose of it, were through the medium of the bank disposing of the property themselves.

There were three distinct and easily recognizable features of a disposal under section 2(1). It had to be (i) a sale or (ii) an exchange or (iii) a lease for a term not less than 21 years. It was not directed to a disposal by way of mortgage or charge.

Mr Barker submitted that section 2(1) was very specific in its reference to "that person" so that it was only if the recipient of the grant disposed of his interest that the section applied.

His Lordship agreed that it was true that the interest referred to was the interest of the grantee but the only person who had disposed of the property was the mortgagee. Therefore it was impossible to say that the recipient of the grant had disposed of the property.

Mr Lightman submitted that the legislation was designed to give an incentive to the recipients of grants to retain their properties.

That was acceptable as a general submission, but it did not affect the meaning of the provision.

The same could be said of his submission that the legislature could not have intended that the mortgagee should have the facility of selling within the three-year period and avoid repayment by the expedient of causing or allowing his mortgagee to sell.

That submission had the flavour of a suggested collusion although that suggestion was not made in the present case. It might be that in a case of collusion the position would be different. But where there was no suggestion of collusion, the existence of a possible collusion in the forms of disposal to which section 2(1) was directed could on the plain wording of the section be disregarded.

Lord Justice Mustill agreed.  
Solicitors: Pettit & Westlake; Mowll & Mowll, Canterbury.

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RACING: MANTON TEAM SET FOR A FIELD DAY AT ROYAL MEETING

Handsome Sailor to launch treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Isle of Man-based owner Robert Sangster...

Wiganthorpe was successful in the Gimcrack Stakes at York. Rich Charlie reverts to sprinting after falling to last further in both the English and French 2,000 Guineas.

made their debut at Newmarket in April. Afterwards, Hills said that Colmore Row would never beat his colt again on similar terms.

St Leger last autumn, is an unknown quantity over this trip. Following an emphatic win at Goodwood first time out, Quiet Week-end was fancied to capture the Kingsley Stakes at Newbury last Thursday.

Unfortunately, she knocked herself in her box two days before and could not run. In her absence the race was won by Ajuga.

ROYAL ASCOT Selections

- 3.30 HANDSOME SAILOR (nap). 3.05 Gallic League. 3.45 Valuable Witness. 4.20 Blessed Event. 4.53 Quiet Week-end. 5.30 Kribensis.

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- 103 (12) 0-0-322 TRIFORM 74 (DUFF, F, S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hat 9-10-0 W West (4) 58

Going: soft Draw: no advantage

- 2.30 CORK AND ORRERY STAKES (Group III: £21,195: 6f) (12 runners) BCC 1

4.20 RIBBESDALE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £46,872: 1m 4f) (6 runners) BBC 2

- 401 (6) 2001 BLESSED EVENT 26 (G, A, S) (R Sangster) 8 Hills 4-8-0 C Amsussen 59

FORM HANDSOME SAILOR showed improved form in his first three races, winning the Gallic League (2-3) at York, the Gimcrack Stakes (1-2) at York and the Handicap (1-2) at York.

FORM TRIFORM (1-2) was in near for good form the way he was running on Saturday to finish 4th in the Gimcrack Stakes (1-2) at York, the Handicap (1-2) at York and the Handicap (1-2) at York.

- 3.55 NORFOLK STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £11,311: 1m 4f) (8 runners) BBC 1

FORM LAPIERRE (1-11) showed a lot of courage under a hard ride when he started in the Gimcrack Stakes (1-2) at York, the Handicap (1-2) at York and the Handicap (1-2) at York.

FORM AMIGO SOBRILO (1-11) edged left in the closing stages but held on to beat the very good PAMAN (1-11) at Ascot (2-3) on May 25, 1987.

FORM KNOCKANDO (1-2) on the upgrade, completed a treble when (1-2) at Ascot (2-3) on May 25, 1987, (1-2) at Ascot (2-3) on May 25, 1987, (1-2) at Ascot (2-3) on May 25, 1987.

- 3.45 GOLD CUP (Group I: £53,656: 2m 4f) (8 runners) BBC 2

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HAMILTON PARK Selections

- 2.15 Alvin York. 2.50 Instatic. 3.25 Sluggan. 4.00 Fu Lu Shou. 4.35 Satsky. 5.10 Belval.

3.25 BUSBY HANDICAP (E1,786: 6f) (12 runners)

- (1) 000-321 SHARLES WINTER 19 (Duff, F, S) (R Sangster) W Palace 8-10-0 (Sec) J H Brown 91

2.15 EBIF BRANDON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: E1,361: 6f) (5 runners)

- (1) 02 ALVIN YORK 15 (B) (P Robinson) N Collesbury 9-0 T Lacey 59

4.0 CARMUNNOCK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: E1,318: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

- (1) 040-03 KALEDOONIC 24 (J Rowley) W Bury 9-7 N Connerton 97

2.50 STONEFIELD SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: E1,035: 5f) (8 runners)

- (1) 001 ANITA'S PET 18 (B, G, F) (Mrs E Newton) S Wilson 9-13 T Sprater (7) 59

4.35 DALPATRICK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: E1,088: 1m 3f) (6 runners)

- (1) 040-04 FLAUNTING 10 (R Sangster) J Hills 9-7 N Connerton 92

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5.10 EAST KILBRIDE HANDICAP (E1,752: 1m 5f) (9 runners)

- (1) 040-04 LUCKY HUNGRY 20 (Mrs P Barron) W Palace 8-10-0 (Sec) J H Brown 93



Steve Caution gaining the first of three victories at Royal Ascot yesterday with a four lengths success on Midyan in the Jersey Stakes (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Vague Shot helps Casey make a memorable start

Richard Casey, formerly travelling head but to Michael Stoute, made a fairly good start to his training career when landing a gamble with Vague Shot at the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot yesterday.

Backed down from 16-1 to 10-1, the witness came storming through to head Gold Prospect the 7-1 favourite, well inside the last furlong. But Steve Caution had to ride his hardest to resist the late attack of Willie Carson on the grassy bank.

Once again, the heaviest gambling race of the Royal Ascot extravaganza had provided a dramatic spectacle. The runners immediately split into two groups and two furlongs from home, Fairclough, last year's winner, was leading the group racing under the stands rails while Hard As Iron had burst clear of the group on the far side of the track.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

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Royal Ascot

- 2.30 JERSEY STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £20,775: 2m) ARDEN c de Kribensis - Krasala (Ld H de Walden) 8-5 Caution (7-1) 1.

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- 1.45 (7) 1. STATED CASE (M Broth. 1-2 fav) 2. Stroyler (N Connerton, 14-1); 3. Autobot (P Barron, 25-1); ALSO RAN: 10. Anel Fyler (12), 12. Giffard (14), 14. Perchout, Vuffroy Ann, 20. Gunner's Underpaul (10), 25. Gray Adams (11), 31. 33. Yvonne (14), 35. Yvonne (14), 37. Yvonne (14), 39. Yvonne (14), 41. Yvonne (14), 43. Yvonne (14), 45. Yvonne (14), 47. Yvonne (14), 49. Yvonne (14), 51. Yvonne (14), 53. Yvonne (14), 55. Yvonne (14), 57. Yvonne (14), 59. Yvonne (14), 61. Yvonne (14), 63. Yvonne (14), 65. Yvonne (14), 67. Yvonne (14), 69. Yvonne (14), 71. Yvonne (14), 73. Yvonne (14), 75. Yvonne (14), 77. Yvonne (14), 79. Yvonne (14), 81. Yvonne (14), 83. Yvonne (14), 85. Yvonne (14), 87. Yvonne (14), 89. Yvonne (14), 91. Yvonne (14), 93. Yvonne (14), 95. Yvonne (14), 97. Yvonne (14), 99. Yvonne (14), 101. Yvonne (14), 103. Yvonne (14), 105. Yvonne (14), 107. Yvonne (14), 109. Yvonne (14), 111. Yvonne (14), 113. Yvonne (14), 115. Yvonne (14), 117. Yvonne (14), 119. Yvonne (14), 121. 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TENNIS

Questions and answers that should be ruled out of court

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

In Columbus, Ohio, an unusually large Virginian won the 1968 United States Amateur golf championship...

Boris Becker could be developing into another Lutz. But nobody takes charge as Drysdale, Ashe, Fibak, Lutz and a few others used to. Jimmy Connors comes closest...

Lendl won that match in Paris and Mecir was asked if Lendl could go on to win the title. Mecir jumped on the loose phrasing of the question...

I have never actually seen reporters tearing their hair out after a session with the deadpan Mecir but many must have come close...

Bob Lutz used to be like that when wound up and switched on. The genial, ever-serene Lutz once stretched out on his back across three chairs...

Arthur Ashe was always good value. But there has probably been no faster, wittier talker than Wojtek Fibak, who swiftly mastered English and then went at it bulldozed.

These days tennis Press conferences are mandatory, which is to say that requested players are fined if they fail to turn up.

Chris Evert is exemplary. She sees every question coming, understands every nuance and implication and devises answers that suggest a future in the diplomatic service.



Any questions? Drysdale (left) answered them before they could be asked. Today Connors comes closest to Drysdale

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Croquet, lovely croquet: an inter-college match in full swing on the lawns of Trinity, Oxford (Photograph: David Fleming)

Croquet prepares to become the next boom sport English ritual that is bubbling with life

One of the last great rituals of the summer term at Oxford was enacted earlier this week in the gardens of Trinity College. The setting was entirely appropriate - whites, blazers, smooth lawns and, of course, champagne...

Oxford has been at the heart of the game for the last 150 years and since the dark ages of the late nineteenth century, when tennis ousted croquet from the lawns of the sporting gentry...

Besides Laurent Perrier, Lussac the watch manufacturers, Bombay Gin and most recently Carlsberg have all become involved in the game over the past two years.

"Croquet is a very healthy game to get involved with," Stephen Clark of Laurent Perrier, says. "It is very English and very much in the image of champagne - balmy afternoons in the mid-summer."

and not many in Rochdale. Whether one wants to break out of that stereotype is another matter.

Hudson's job is to get as many people playing croquet as possible. The quickest way to the hearts and minds of the nation, he realizes, is through television.

"Croquet is more attractive for beginners, it is easier, quicker and makes for better television." Yes, but is it croquet? Chris Hudson is not sure.

Which ever path leads to prosperity, Hudson is confident that the current growth in the game will continue. It is unlikely that this wave of popularity will affect the gentle air of tolerance on the lawns of Trinity College in future years where it was nice to see conventions being observed during the recent final.

Andrew Longmore

GOLF

Lyle has reasonable shot at a Californian conquest

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, San Francisco

What surprises even Sandy Lyle as he moves into the 87th US Open, which starts at the Olympic Club today, is that he is in the right frame of mind to complete an historic triumph.

The trouble was that as Lyle left Britain, on May 26, so the news was released that he had separated from his wife, Christine. It unquestionably placed an additional psychological burden on him.

"I've amazed myself," Lyle said. "The last 23 days have been among the hardest of my life. Thankfully golf is a game that helps you to block out other thoughts when you are concentrating on the fairways."

The result is that Lyle, who won the Tournament Players Championship in Florida in March, is on the threshold of a dream. He wants to emulate Tony Jacklin by winning both the British and US opens.

Lyle's impressive record in the United States this year has increased the belief that for only

the second time since Jacklin's success in 1970 a non-American will win the title. The favourites to remove it from Ray Floyd's grasp are Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Greg Norman and Lyle.

The intriguing aspect, from Ballesteros's point of view, is that he could be compelled to abandon the conservative approach that he has always taken in US Opens.

Too often he has appeared so intent on being in contention that he has chosen to leave his driver in the bag and rely on his one-iron. Ballesteros, however, accepts that the Lake Course, with several long par-fours, has left him with no other choice but to employ his driver at most holes.

"The longest hitters from the tee will have a definite advantage," he said. "I will still have to be patient, because it is that kind of course, but I do accept that on occasions in the US Open I have played extremely safely."

Langer should have little difficulty in handling the course as he is one of the finest strikers in the game from tee to green. Much will depend on his touch on the small, firm and fast greens as it was his putter which

let him down at Augusta in April.

Norman has not won on the US Tour this season but he insists that he has now recovered from the disappointment of Augusta where, along with Ben Custer, he was runner-up in a play-off by Larry Mizel.

There is no finer record in the major championships than that of Jack Nicklaus. He has won six US Masters, five US PGA championships, four US Opens, three Open Championships and two US Amateur Championships.

"I played last week in the Westchester Classic about as badly as I can ever remember," he said. "While I don't have any complaints about the golf course here, I do have a complaint with Jack Nicklaus. He puts a real swift kick up the backside and I don't figure out what's wrong in the next 24 hours when I'm going to have a horrible week."

Paul Azinger, Corey Pavin and Payne Stewart are among the younger Americans regarded as real contenders but if the championship is to be retained by a home player then Ben Custer, Lanny Wadkins and Tom Watson would appear to be more reliable choices.

Meanwhile, Mac O'Grady, who won the Tournament of Champions at the start of the season, suggested: "Golf is a movement of joints coordinated by the cerebellum. It's as simple as that." We will wait and see.

Leading women facing a tough assignment

From John Hennessy, The Hague

The members of the Women's Professional Golf Association face a challenging examination during the Volmink open championship here this week.

The course is such that class should tell in the end, which points to the winner coming from the top in the order of merit - Marie-Laure Taya, of France, Trish Johnson, of Britain, Lotta Neumann, of Sweden, and Dale Reid, of England.

However, Miss Johnson stands out. She is in prime form, having finished successfully second, first and tied second in her last three tournaments, and this time she is in the "fantastic" she said yesterday, "just like Saunter." Originally from Westwood Ho, she could hardly be more at home.

The Hague club is the oldest in the country, founded in 1893 but removed to Wassenaar, 10km from the city centre, in

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ATHLETICS

Moses lights up Irish eyes

Ed Moses, the American phenomenon who recently was beaten for the first time in nearly 10 years in the 400 metres hurdles, is the fourth world-class athlete to accept an invitation to compete in next month's Gibbank Games at the Mary Peters track on the outskirts of Belfast (George Aice writes).

Moses joins Fatima Whitbread, the women's javelin record holder, Steve Scott, the American miler and Marcus O'Sullivan, the Cork-born American indoor mile champion in what promises to be Northern Ireland's greatest night of athletics. And the race director, Les Jones, promises more to come. "July 21 will be a date to remember in Ulster athletics," he said.

Mary Peters, forever the golden girl of Northern Irish athletics, said: "Absolutely thrilled to bits. What a marvelous opportunity for Ulster sports fans to see in the flesh a

man who is undoubtedly one of the greatest athletes of all time. Simon Muggleston, Tony Jarrett and Stewart Faulkner, who won senior United Kingdom titles at Derby last month, head Britain's junior team against West Germany and Poland at Ipswich on June 27. Muggleston, who won the 5,000 metres, runs in the 3,000, the high hurdler Jarrett switches to the 200 and Faulkner contests the long jump.

100m: M. Brennan (Cambridge Harriers), Hammer: G. Cook (Thames Valley), P. Whelan (Thames Valley), Javelin: S. Buckley (Cambridge Harriers), N. Bevan (Newcastle), Pole vault: M. Edwards (Aldershot), I. Tulloh (Warriors), 100m walk: G. Brown (Surrey), J. Bell (Lancaster), 400m: S. Douglas (Reading), G. Goodwin (Bull), 200m: P. McKelvey (Newcastle), 400m: T. Goddard (Cambridge Harriers), 800m: L. Robertson (Coventry), 1,500m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 2,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 3,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 4,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 5,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 6,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 7,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 8,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 9,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 10,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 11,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 12,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 13,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 14,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 15,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 16,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 17,000m: S. Pilling (Mansfield), 18,000m: S. 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CRICKET: UMPIRES WILL BE UNDER SCRUTINY OVER KEEPING THE GAME MOVING

England ready to come out from under the clouds and shine

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

In the present gloomy weather the business of writing cricket previews seems as abortive a pastime as producing something in the bad old days, for a newspaper which was on strike...

where they were provided with a leg spinner to bowl at them. With Tauseef Ahmed, Pakistan's off spinner, out of the match with a broken finger...

being so little of it these days, and Qadir purveys it with many a baffling convolution. England, though, still look better prepared for a Test match today than they did at Old Trafford a fortnight ago...

moving. It is their responsibility to see that there is no time-wasting or spurious use of substitutes. In both these respects the Pakistanis are under suspicion.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Hits, 100s, 50s, Catches, Stumpings. Includes players like C.W. Athey, I.T. Botham, B.C. Broad.

Bowling

Table with columns: Player, Overs, Mds, Runs, Wkts, 5s, 10s, Ave. Includes players like I.T. Botham, G.R. Dillley, P.H. Edmonds.

Pakistan batting and fielding

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Hits, 100s, 50s, Catches, Stumpings. Includes players like Javed Miandad, Mansoor Akhtar.

Bowling

Table with columns: Player, Overs, Mds, Runs, Wkts, 5s, 10s, Ave. Includes players like Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, Mohsin Khan.

Pakistan thrive on surprises

By Simon Wilde

The last time they played Pakistan in a Test match was in 1982, England were given an unpleasant surprise, suffering only their second home defeat by Pakistan in 22 matches...

Gooch and Randall raise a cheer for England old boys

By Geoff Wheeler

News to cheer the selectors on the eve of the Lord's Test and increase the pressure on those batsmen currently in the England team. Graham Gooch and Ian Randall, who like Gooch has tagged a pair this season...

in the championship was Derek Randall, the former England favourite, who enjoyed himself at the expense of Warwickshire's bowlers at Edgbaston...

Lynch, the county side were 111 for six before Greig took control. He reached his hundred from 134 balls with two sixes and four fours.

Irish unaltered

By John Woodcock

Inland will field an unchanged side from that which lost the two one-day games to Gloucestershire at Downpatrick earlier in the week for the away NatWest Trophy match against Northamptonshire...

Mortensen causes problems

By Ivo Tennant

DERBY (Lancashire won the test): Lancashire won the test 258 against Derbyshire. To follow the Roses match with a visit to Derby is no longer the anti-climax it must once have been...

down. This time there was nothing the ground staff could do. Lancashire's first innings: G.D. Mendis 43, M. Vary 39, G.P. Cook 38, R. B. Stanger 38, N. Fairbrother 38, N. Fairbrother 38, N. Fairbrother 38...

After that the best batting came from Austin, a beely all-rounder standing in for Simmons who was dropped after his intertemporal comments in the Roses match and was having his future decided elsewhere.

Different strokes

By John Woodcock

Gary Lineker, the England footballer, is flying back to Britain from Spain to play in a village cricket match.

Minor Counties competition

John Barnwell, the Notts county manager, yesterday appointed Paul Hart, aged 34, as the club's player-coach in a £15,000 move from Birmingham City.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Summary of cricket scoreboards for Somerset v Kent, Essex v Northants, Warwick v Notts, Camb Univ v Surrey, and other matches.



Anyone for tennis? Anne Hobbs, her hopes of playing at Eastbourne washed out by the weather, takes to a dinghy

Whitaker's happy hunting ground

By Jenny MacArthur

John Whitaker and Next Ryan's show is showing the most popular partnership, return to the scene of one of their greatest triumphs today for the Royal International Horse Show...

Gladwin in doubt

By John Woodcock

Chris Gladwin, the Essex opening batsman, may miss the next few matches because of a troublesome knee. He is due to have a hospital check-up and it is feared he may have to undergo an operation.

Marks to benefit

By John Woodcock

Vic Marks, the acting captain of Somerset, has been granted a benefit by the county in 1988. Somerset reported that Joel Garner's 1986 benefit had totalled £45,400.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns: BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, TENNIS, CRICKET, SHOW JUMPING, CYCLING. Lists various sports events and results.

TENNIS

Memorabilia time as the rain takes threatening stand

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

We may have to wait until Sunday, unless the weather improves, before Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova play the 73rd match of a series that has spanned 15 years.

The likely line-up for the semi-finals is inviting: Miss Navratilova v Pam Shriver or Gabriella Sabatini, and Helena Sukova v Miss Evert. Other celebrities still in the running are Hanna Mandlikova...

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker's happy hunting ground

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Vote-rigging is denied

David Mitchell, the chairman of the English Karate Council, who is at the centre of a vote-rigging enquiry, said yesterday: "If the legitimate rallying of voting blocks and the use of authentic proxy votes is illegal then I must say I am guilty of it."

OTHER SPORT

CRICKET: Second Cornhill Insurance Test 110, 96 overs minimum. TENNIS: Wimbledon qualifying...

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: Second Cornhill Insurance Test. TENNIS: Wimbledon qualifying. RUGBY: Premiership...

Snooker switch

Jim Meadowcroft, the former BBC snooker commentator, will be leaving the TV team for next season, when they will be extending their coverage to two tables for the major events.

Advertisement for 'CAN RYAN MAKE IT A DOUBLE?' featuring a photo of a man and text about a horse show event.

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END COLUMN

Tracey pitches into centre of controversy

By John Goodbody

Dick Tracey, the outgoing Minister for Sport, yesterday joined in the controversy over Priest Hill Sports Centre...

Priest Hill was sold by the Inner London Education Authority to the Greater London Council in 1984 after the ILEA decided that it was uneconomic and an inefficient use of time to transport school-children from London to the centre...

But Mr Tracey, MP for Surbiton, which is close to Priest Hill, described this as a "smokescreen" and "an extremely insidious policy" of the ILEA...

effectively stopped competitive sport and effectively put an end to school teams playing each other.

Mr Tracey said he was "well aware" of Priest Hill's lack of use and was waiting for reports on the centre, which has 30 hard tennis courts, 18 football, nine rugby and eight hockey pitches...

"I took the view that it was a crazy situation when we are crying out for facilities like these," he said. The centre is owned by the London Residential Body, which was appointed by the Government to dispose of GLC property.

John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, has also promised an immediate inquiry into the centre, which the council's south-east region and the Central Council of Physical Recreation have been trying to get used by the local community and clubs.

Words of wisdom for the championship match in Auckland



Team talk: Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, prepares for Saturday's Rugby Union World Cup final against New Zealand. World Cup news, page 36

The law that is easy to abuse

By Norman Harris

At its best, the rugby in the World Cup has shown the world a game that polarises with heroic endeavour. At worst, no play at all is in progress as we watch these games; instead, we might be watching "time out" in American Football.

While an injured player is receiving treatment, both sides go into a tactical huddle. Some of the players come to the trainer for a sip from his "magic bottle". The minute available under the laws is eaten up, sometimes more.

Analysis of the New Zealand v Wales semi-final last Sunday shows that there were 17 stoppages totalling 16 minutes - much more injury time even than in recent five nations games, in which the number of stoppages attracted criticism.

Of course, extra time is added (in Australia, uniquely, by timekeepers who record it from the referee's signals and sound a hooter at the end). But the rhythm of the game, especially for the attacking side, is badly disrupted.

Roger Quintenton, the leading English referee, explains the problem: "You've got your genuine injury where the man is temporarily dazed. You've also got the one that comes after a lot of pressure and last-ditch defence, and you suspect that it's giving the defending side the chance to get their breath and regroup." The difficulty is to differentiate, Quintenton says, "Contact is so heavy and so hard these days that one is very loath to say to a player, 'You're OK'."

Rugby Union has already tried to prevent long stoppages with the law that allows just one minute for on-field treat-



Quintenton: differentiation. "A good law," Quintenton says, "which some referees don't use properly."

But the law is still open to exploitation if players decide to go down and take their minute's quota. John Mottram, chairman of the RFU's referees' committee, says: "I agree it's an ever-increasing problem, which few people have given much thought to."

When they do, as they are bound to do soon, they can hardly fail to take note of how injuries are dealt with in Rugby League. If the play moves away from the injured man, the game continues while the player receives on-field treatment. The game stops only when the injured player is in possession and has to play the ball - or for an obviously serious injury.

In fact, play continued in one game last winter, the Swinton-Humlessett play-off for the second division title, when a player had a broken leg and a stretcher party was on.

"There was some criticism of that," Joe Manley, the League's senior assessor of referees, says. "But there's a great determination in our game that play should be continuous. The main criticism of our assessors is for too many stoppages."

In fact there is a proposal by Australia to go even further - that when an injured man is in possession the game should continue some 10 metres in field with a colleague playing the ball.

Rugby Union may be loath to follow Rugby League example so dramatically, but attitudes are not as entrenched as they once were. Quintenton reports that he has refereed domestic games in New Zealand, where the "Zambuck" as they call the first-aid man is allowed to come onto the field while play is in progress.

Quintenton is a most particular referee, one who does not allow the hooter to tell him when to end a game under. But there is a note of approval in his voice when he says that the Zambuck presence while play continues "doesn't provide a problem and it cuts down injury time immensely."

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Spinks not Tyson's next target

New York (Reuters) - Mike Tyson, who holds both the World Boxing Association (WBA) and World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight titles, said that Michael Spinks would have to wait awhile before challenging for his crown.

"I'm going to beat International Boxing Federation champion Tony Tucker first and after that, Spinks will have to wait his turn," Tyson said in a television interview on Tuesday night.

"A lot of fighters have put themselves in position and have earned their right to fight. I can guess that we have at least six fights before we fight Spinks," he said.

The undefeated Spinks last night stopped his fellow-American, Gerry Cooney, in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round non-title bout. Cooney, who was returning to the ring after an absence of almost five years, was floored twice in the round as Spinks went on the offensive.

Spinks, the only light-heavyweight in the history of boxing to win a heavyweight title, was stripped of the IBF crown - which he wrested from Larry Holmes - because he withdrew from a heavyweight title unification series.

Tyson acknowledged that Spinks considers himself the heavyweight champion of the world but said: "I doubt it very seriously if anybody could buy that."

"He didn't lose his [IBF] title in the ring, he gave it up, which I think is even more to his discredit."

Bleak outlook for prompt start to second Test

By Alan Lee

Lord's Cricket Ground resembled a boating lake yesterday. In an effort to beat the elements and permit the Second Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, to begin today, the groundsman, Mick Hunt, and his staff of seven were planning to work through the night. It was, apparently, a thankless task. Hunt, who has worked at Lord's for 18 years, said he had never known such conditions on the eve of a Test match.

"If it doesn't rain again we have a chance of starting," Hunt said. "We have had 10 days' rain in the last 12 and the water table is so high it just can't take any more. The pitch itself is dry but the outfield is flooded."

The local forecast today is

for further showers, but Hunt, who took over as head groundsman three summers ago, is taking no notice. "Last night they said we should escape the rain here but it poured for four hours," he said.

A motorized "whale mop" was Hunt's main weapon in fighting the floods. "We will have it running over the outfield all night long, barring a few breaks to stop it blowing up. But it is an enormous job because water is even lying on the top end of the square and I have seldom known that before."

Hunt is no stranger to such crises. The day before his first Test in charge, against Australia in 1985, the ground was under water, yet play began on

time. "That was different," he insisted. "It was nowhere near as bad."

Despite a similarly watery story in the first Test at Old Trafford, all tickets for the first three days of this game are now sold and receipts total £560,000. The match is to be the official baptism of the new Mound Stand and an important event in MCC's bicentenary celebrations.

Last night, however, the talk centred on whether, for the first time under their new insurance policy, the Test and County Cricket Board would be obliged to refund money to ticket holders following the loss of a day's play.

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Computer lowers opinion on Botham

By Alan Lee

Ian Botham would agree that he has had better days. He heard that computers rate his talent nowhere near as high as the record books and the average spectator; he missed the launch of his own new commercial venture, then he was late for the pre-Test gathering of the England squad.

He explained away his faulty time-keeping, saying he had been delayed on the drive from Worcestershire to London when a lorry shed its load in front of his car. He was more hard-pressed to explain why he is, officially, rated the 28th-best batsman and 30th-best bowler in world cricket.

This startling demotion of the man who claimed recently in his own newspaper column that he was the world's No. 1 player, has been made by Deloitte, a firm of City accountancy consultants.

The idea's value is debatable within the context of a team game and Botham for one, would surely question the findings of the computer.

The programmed facts include every Test match from June 1981 up to date and concentrate on the quality of the opposition and the comparative performances of other players in each game. Roughly half of Botham's best deeds for England were performed prior to 1981, which may have confused the computer.

For the record however, India's Dilip Vengsarkar is currently ranked the world's top batsman, with Gordon Greenidge second. And Richard Hadlee leads the bowlers from New Zealand.

Botham was probably unaware of all this as he sat chafing in his car at the delays, while representatives of Wisden's Games, who are marketing his own board game - a kind of sports pundit's trivial pursuit - were making excuses for him at the reception they staged in his honour.

The England team management were similarly mystified when he failed to appear at the regular eve-of-match meeting, although a call from his car telephone eventually explained all. By late afternoon, he was ensconced in the team hotel, no doubt musing that today can only be an improvement.

Woosnam shows his rivals how to putt in a deluge

Ian Woosnam, who is determined to prove that he is worthy of an automatic place in the top events on the US Tour, defied torrential rain to score a 66, five strokes under par, to take an early lead in the first round of the £150,000 Volvo Belgian Open championship at Royal Waterloo yesterday.

Woosnam, who heads the European money list with winnings of almost £100,000, collected five birdies in a flawless display.

The course was so wet that officials were concerned whether the opening round would be completed, but the Welshman revelled in the conditions. "I putted very well and this was one of the best starts I have made to a tournament," he said. "I hope to win this week because I am missing the next event in Monte Carlo and my aim is to stay at the top of the Order of Merit for the rest of the year."

Woosnam was so confident on the soaking greens that he

twice holed out from a range of 20 feet while two of his other birdies came as the result of four-yard putts. None of the other early starters looked like making a run at Woosnam, although Glenn Ralph, of Sussex; the former English amateur champion, Andrew Oldcorn; the Spanish Ryder Cup player, Manuel Piñero; Eddie Pollard; and Ove Selberg, of Sweden, all returned scores of 69.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated: 66: J. Woosnam (W); G. Ralph, M. Piñero (Sp); P. Baker, I. Mosley, A. Chamley, D. Gilford, W. Washier (Aus), D. Fisher, R. Fish, S. Baker, D. Bawn (GB); 75: P. Curry, R. Hartmann (US), R. Gallaher, D. J. Russell, M. Calero (Sp), J. Rivera (Sp), M. Koutouza, B. Marchant, M. Carter (Aus), J. Berwick, S. Stroomberg (Swi), A. Johnston (Zim); 76: F. Healy (Nz), G. Lane, C. Mason, R. Givall, M. Allen (US), E. Flockhaus (Sp), M. Andruzzi (US), R. McParlane, C. Moody, C. Lawrence, D. Williams, D. Durman, T. S. Ciga, I. Young, G. Call (I), L. Sessale (Fr), C. Rocca (It), D. Davis (Sp), T. Flanagan (Fr), P. Borvevancic (Ser), M. Mischkulnig (A. Shearman, P. Thomas; 75: V. Duvdevani (Bel), T. Horton, I. Stephen (Aus), J. Hobbay (SA), J. Rystrom (Swi), W. West, R. Taylor (Scot), R. Drummond, J. Gonzalez (B), K. Clair (US), J. Anglade (Sp), A. Carrasco (Ur). \* denotes amateur.

Castle and Bates topple the seeds

By Richard Eaton

Andrew Castle, and Jeremy Bates, the No. 1 and second seeds, to advance to the third round of the Bristol trophy at Redlands Green yesterday.

Castle's 7-5, 6-3 success over Brod Dyke, the sixteenth seed, was encouraging. Dyke, an awkward left-hander with a double handed back-hand and a haystack of bubbly hair only marginally restrained by a large colourful headband, numbered Boris Becker among his victims last year.

However the Englishman seems to be benefiting from being able to relax at his home in nearby Taunton and notably retained both concentration and self belief when 5-3 down in the first set.

Castle's reward for such strength of mind is a likely meeting with the top-seeded Frenchman, Henri Leconte. He produced three beautifully controlled low backhand returns and went on to putwin four games in a row. He also produced another reel of four games when he was a break down at 2-3 in the second set. He also cursed and groaned.

and criticized himself as fiercely as ever. "I can't be polite when I am playing. I am afraid," he said. "I've got to be a little bit rude and a little bit obnoxious. I think people enjoy that. I am not going to produce the same reaction when I produce a winner or a loser and I don't see why I should. If I feel bad tempered I shall behave bad tempered."

It was all so different from the mood of the earlier match when the second seeded Ramesh Krishnan was beaten. The Indian went out 3-6, 6-2, 9-7 to the West German, Wolfgang Popp, despite producing the most serene and elegant ground strokes.

Bates also found his form, beating Danie Visser, of South Africa, the sixth seed, 6-4, 7-6. His win means that both leading Englishmen go through to the last 16. Although Visser produced two splendid winners to take the contest into a second-set tie-break, Bates won that 7-4. SECOND ROUND: J. Bates (GB) vs D. Visser (SA) 6-4, 7-6; A. Castle (GB) vs B. Dyke (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; W. Popp (FR) vs R. Krishnan (India) 3-6, 6-2, 9-7. More tennis, pages 38 and 39

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Irish presence will give guide to form

By a Special Correspondent

The inaugural men's home international volleyball championship, which begins in Belfast tomorrow, has effectively become a five nations tournament with the Republic of Ireland having been drafted in at the eleventh hour.

It is not that the republic's sudden appearance should upset what should be a predictable run to the tournament final for England and Scotland, but their appearance will give Wales and Northern Ireland a better guide to their respective form.

It was evident during the first women's home championships in Bath in May that Scotland and England were still several years ahead of the Welsh and the Irish in terms of development and it is likely to be a similar tale in Belfast.

England's preparations were wrecked by the resignation of Sava Medonos, their coach, 10 days ago and Peter Guernari, the caretaker coach, will rely on much the same squad that played in the European championships qualifying group in Finland recently.

Nick Moody, the Scottish coach, has a fitness worry over Ian Mackenzie (MIM), who has a shoulder injury which has kept him out for several weeks, but a final decision on whether he will travel will not be made until later this week. If he fails to make it, the uncapped James Mercer, from Falkirk, will travel to Belfast.

Scotland will be looking for a notable double after their women's team won the first home international tournament in Bath.

Doyle brings sparkle

By Michael Coleman

Tony Doyle, the world pursuit cycling champion and six-day specialist, makes a rare appearance on a British track when he tops the bill at the ambitious two-day Moët et Chandon meeting at Herne Hill, London, this weekend.

With 100 riders, including teams from France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark taking part, the "Hill" will have seen nothing like it for a decade.

For the promoter, Graham Bristow, the acquisition of Doyle, who because of his versatility has a reputation abroad higher even than that of Robert Millar, the Tour rider, is a coup in itself.

Doyle enters two races: the Moët et Chandon Champagne

10-miles scratch on Saturday and the Daily Mirror 100-lap Marathon on Sunday. His partner in the latter will be Russell Williams, a first-year professional.

The opposition will be the most formidable seen on any British track recently and are a tribute to the sponsors, to Bristol, to Southwark Council - who have acquired Herne Hill since the dissolution of the GLC - and to officials of the local club, the Vélo Club de Londres.

Apart from Doyle's races, an omnium involving eight teams from Britain (including Paul McHugh and Colin Sturgess), Southwark, Belgium, France, Denmark, Holland, Edinburgh and Le Havre will add extra interest.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Setback for Jones

Steve Jones, the marathon runner, has pulled out of Sunday's Pearl Assurance Great North Run on Tyneside. The Welshman, aged 31, who was second in the race last year, sustained a knee injury when falling in last Saturday's UK 10,000 metres championship race at Gateshead.

His absence is the second blow for the race organizers, who have already lost last year's winner, Mike Musyoki.

Going north

Biddulph, from Staffordshire, become the first team from the Potteries to enter Rugby League competition when they join the North Western Counties League next season. Another amateur club who face long return journeys to fulfil their fixtures are the ambitious South London club, who have also been admitted to the Lancashire-based league.

Cup storm

Protests over the final trials in the Solent last weekend again forced UNCL, the French offshore racing authority, to postpone announcing their three-boat team to challenge for yachting's Admiral's Cup off Cowes at the end of July.

Dublin date

Steve Baddeley, the Commonwealth badminton champion, will lead the Dan Air team in international challenge matches against a European team in Dublin on September 10 and Lisburn on September 11.

Helping fist

Barry McGuigan has agreed to help Terry Marsh, the world light-welterweight boxing champion, prepare for the defence of his title against Akio Kameda, of Japan, at the Albert Hall on July 1. McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, will assist along with the IBF super-featherweight champion, Barry Michaels.

Fair game

Sir Stanley Matthews, the former wing wizard of English football, is to receive an international fair-play award. The International Committee for Fair Play awarded Matthews a signed 1986 international Pierre de Coubertin Trophy for a career marked entirely by the spirit of fair play. Matthews, who was never booked, played 84 times for England in a career spanning 30 years and was still playing in the first division when he was 50.

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